

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Children's System of Care**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Richard S. Knecht, M.S., Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: June 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Contract with United Advocates for Children and Families for state- and federally-funded advocacy and support services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with United Advocates for Children and Families to provide Federal and State-required advocacy and support services for youth and families for the term of July 1, 2010 through December 30, 2010 in the amount of \$460,603 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount. There are no County General Funds associated with this contract, and the costs are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget.

BACKGROUND:

Since November 2005, Systems of Care programs, as affirmed by SMART policy board, have been engaged in a multi-year strategy using federal dollars to increase access to services for underserved families. Under this contract, United Advocates for Children and Families employs parents and youth who themselves have been recipients of service and are now self-sufficient and able to help others. These contracted former consumers provided direct support, mentoring, information dissemination and advocacy services to more than 650 families in the Systems of Care last year. These services have effectively assisted families to navigate the Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Mental Health and Education systems, markedly improving services by speeding client engagement, shortening court proceedings, and reducing adverse outcomes.

This six-month contract will ensure a seamless continuation of advocacy and support services while a Request for Proposals is conducted and awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this contract is included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. The funding consists of \$460,603 of Federal and State monies. No County General Fund contribution is required. In FY 2009-10, this contract totaled \$951,951.

A copy of the contract is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

