

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 Unity Care Group for Mandated Independent Living Skills Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to take the following actions:

- a. Approve a contract with Unity Care Group from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 for mandated Independent Living Skills services for eligible Placer County youth ages 16-21 in an amount not to exceed \$412,800 plus pass-through of State Emancipated Youth Stipends (EYS), if available. In the absence of a State EYS allocation, County General Fund will be required in an amount not to exceed \$9,600.
- b. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total amount.

The amount for FY 2010-11 is \$206,515 plus stipends and is included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. The balance will be included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Budget. Funding for this contract is projected to include 100 percent Federal and State funds. County General Fund of up to \$9,600 will be required if the FY 2010-11 State EYS allocation is eliminated.

BACKGROUND:

Through successful community partnerships, the Children's System of Care meets its Federal and State mandate to deliver life skills training, educational and vocational/career preparation, personal budgeting, and other independent living supports to 195 young Placer County residents each year. These services allow foster youth turning 18 to more quickly adapt to independence and prevent homelessness, substance abuse, and otherwise reduce the need for public services. Placer County foster youth generally exceed State outcome levels for rates of high school graduation, employment, and living in non-subsidized housing. More than 80 percent of Placer County young people in this service are enrolled in college or trade school, compared to statewide enrollment of 62 percent.

For the last year, Unity Care Group has successfully served 195 youth through the Independent Living Program. Unity Care provided job skills training, budgeting, resume writing, and other skills necessary for foster youth to transition to adulthood. Unity Care Group provides similar programs in Santa Clara, Monterey, and Orange counties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

