

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, Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: August 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Authorization of Payment for Intensive Hospital Diversion Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the Auditor-Controller to pay an invoice received from Edgewood Center for Children and Families in the amount of \$12,192 for intensive hospital diversion services rendered during FY 2012-13.

BACKGROUND:

Edgewood Center for Children and Families provides both Residential Group Home, and an adjacent "Hospital Diversion" program designed to prevent long-term inpatient hospitalization for children with severe mental illness. The program is specially created for children between the ages of 6 and 17 and offers a number of services to stabilize a broad range of high-risk behavioral and emotional issues that result in aggressive or self-harming behaviors.

In August 2012, a Children's System of Care youth was admitted to the Hospital Diversion program, for which no contract existed at the time, for short-term, 28-day, stabilization. Upon completion, the child was able to return to a lower level of residential care. The Department seeks authorization to pay the invoice.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total expenditures of \$12,192 are included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget. This contract is funded by \$12,192 of County General Funds.

