

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult 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
Maureen Bauman, LCSW, MPA, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: August 28, 2007

SUBJECT: Contract with Advocates for the Mentally Ill Housing, Inc.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the agreement with Advocates for the Mentally Ill Housing, Inc. for housing support services in the amount of \$128,600 for the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the total contract amount.

BACKGROUND:

The Adult System of Care has been partnering with the Placer Alliance for the Mentally Ill for approximately 15 years in a continued effort to assist persons with mental illness to attain affordable and supported housing in our community. Advocates for the Mentally Ill Housing (AMIH) sprang from this original organization, as parents of adult persons with mental illness wanted to assure that this program grew in stability. This partnership allows the AMIH organization to purchase or lease houses at scattered sites in our community, and makes mental health staff available to provide a range of supports to those clients. Most clients can afford this group living housing option by using their Social Security disability payments.

The Adult System of Care provides outreach and services to persons who are mentally ill and homeless through specialized State funding, including special services that are necessary for persons entering the community from institutions. These populations have additional challenges that make housing critical for their successful recovery and move to independence. Placer targets approximately 135 persons at any one time who have been recently homeless or residing in locked and residential programs and who need additional support to remain in the community. This contract allows time-limited housing for these persons.

This housing collaboration provides mental health consumers the ability to live in an environment of support while developing skills for more independent living in the community. This public-private partnership is critical to the success of this effort. The program also partners with other community agencies to assist with employment and ancillary services. These programs have made a difference in the lives of those persons served, and have shown significant reductions in psychiatric hospitalizations and jail incarcerations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract will be funded with a combination of State AB2034 and Mental Health Services Act funding, depending upon the outcome of the State budget. There is no County general fund contribution required.

The prior year's contract amount of \$96,000 increased to \$128,600 this year to incorporate additional consumers who qualify to participate through the Mental Health Services Act.

The following Contract for:

**Advocates for the Mentally
Ill Housing, Inc**

is on file with the Clerk of the Board
for BOS meeting:

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