

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Human Services Division**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Cheryl S. Davis, Director of Human Services

DATE: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Contract with Placer County Office of Education for Childcare Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) for Childcare Services for CalWORKs/Welfare to Work operations for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$1,965,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to \$49,999.

BACKGROUND:

Since the implementation of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program in 1998, a "welfare to work" program, PCOE has assumed the responsibility for making direct childcare provider payments, a task previously handled by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The childcare funding continuum for CalWORKs clients is comprised of three stages. Stage one funds are allocated to county welfare agencies for childcare to families receiving cash assistance who do not have stable employment. Stages two and three are allocated to PCOE for childcare for families who have stable employment or have transitioned off of cash assistance. By contracting with PCOE for the administration of stage one funds, a seamless system for the delivery of childcare services is established, maximizing the efficiency and cost effectiveness of managing the three program stages.

Under this contract, an average of 260 children per month will receive childcare services for FY 2012-13, which facilitates their parents' efforts in finding and maintaining employment. This contract amount is the same as FY 2011-12. The Governor has proposed significant changes to child care in his May Revised Budget including administrative structure, funding, and provider reimbursement rates. If any of these changes are enacted, we would return to the Board for approval of any necessary amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract totaling \$1,965,000 which includes child care payments and PCOE administration is included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget. It is funded exclusively with Federal and State funds; therefore no County General Funds are required.

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

