

**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:** June 19, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Agreements with Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center and North Tahoe Family Resource Center to Provide Community-Based Child Protective Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve agreements with Lighthouse Counseling and Family Resource Center in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 and North Tahoe Family Resource Center in an amount not to exceed \$42,500, to provide community-based child protective services from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting agreements and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the original contract amounts, consistent with the current agreements' subject matter and Scope of Work.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 2004, Placer County Children's System of Care has sought new and effective methods of delivery for its State-mandated Child Protective Services. The County's Family Resource Centers have been very effective and efficient partners in delivering this prevention service, known locally as Differential Response. Prior to Placer's implementation of this service, these families would have received no response to their referral, and up to 10% of these children would eventually require costly and stigmatizing child welfare and dependency court services, and face potential removal from their homes.

Differential Response serves over 1,000 families each year around the County, preserving family placements while protecting the minors involved, and supporting cost avoidance of more than \$400,000 annually.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This expenditure of \$102,500 is included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget, and is funded with \$82,500 (80%) in State funding and \$20,000 (20%) in required County General Fund match.

These contracts are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

