

**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 F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: November 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Contract with Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc. for Mandated Mental Health Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an agreement with Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (\$180,000 net County cost) to provide mandated intensive mental health services for Placer County residents with the highest level of need from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to a cumulative total of 10 percent of the contract amount, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and Scope of Work.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County Adult System of Care provides unique and mandated mental health services to approximately 5,000 adults each year. Approximately 25 people each year require the intensive services provided in these contracts: essential lifesaving care for adults with severe mental disorders who are unable to provide for their own basic needs, are at risk to themselves or others, and require 24-hour supervised care.

Vista Pacifica in Riverside, CA will be a new provider for Placer County. While this provider is farther away than we prefer, we have had occasions where no nearby facility would accept our clients needing placement. This provider has been willing to work with our more difficult to place clients. They will provide services to Placer County residents who require a structured therapeutic setting in a secure facility when current contracts are unable to serve client needs. All services are directed at improving the living skills of clients with persistent mental disorders to assist them in meeting their rehabilitation goals and re-integrating them back into their community or move them closer to Placer County when ready. Skills training is provided in the areas of social skills, independent living, money management, self-control and symptom management. Other services include peer counseling, medication education, substance abuse education, personal hygiene management, and community re-entry skills preparation.

This service delivery model continues to provide the most cost effective and results-based options for Placer County, with community integration strategies that have kept service utilization at a reduced and fairly stable level for the past five years. We expect to use our other contracted facilities at lower levels and use this new contract when placements cannot be made within those current contracted facilities. Although this additional contractor will be added to improve placement opportunity and flexibility, the overall budget for these locked facilities will remain at the currently budgeted amount.

This contract was reviewed and recommended for Board of Supervisors approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its September 24, 2012 board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the first year of this contract includes \$60,000 (40 percent) in State funds, and \$90,000 (60 percent) in required County General Funds. This expenditure is included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Final Budget. The remainder will be included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Requested Budget.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

