

**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  
C.B. Bautista, Director, Children's System of Care

**DATE:** December 5, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Eastfield Ming Quong, Inc. to provide comprehensive specialized mental health services and training and consultation services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the amendment to Contract #CN012277 with Eastfield Ming Quong, Inc., d.b.a. EMQ Children & Family Services to provide therapeutic behavioral services (TBS) and family support services from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$147,000, for a revised total contract amount of \$281,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign this amendment and subsequent amendments.

**BACKGROUND:**

Eastfield Ming Quong is a leader in the industry of comprehensive intensive family services, known as "wraparound" services. The program, designed by EMQ, served as the model for Placer's wraparound programs and the implementation of the wraparound program throughout California. EMQ has provided statewide training in the wraparound implementation process under contract with California Department of Social Services.

Through its existing contract for mental health wraparound and psychiatric consulting services, EMQ has provided Placer County with overflow capacity for the Children's System of Care (CSOC) and assistance in cases which require sensitive handling or assignment to a case manager that is not a County employee, such as cases involving families of County employees, political representatives, etc. In FY2005-06, EMQ provided mental health wraparound services and psychiatric consulting to 21 Placer County children as an alternative to out-of-home placement.

In order for CSOC to take full advantage of the expertise and success of EMQ in the provision of wraparound services, this amendment will expand the existing services by adding family support and therapeutic behavioral services (TBS) for up to 40 children who need a short-term, one-on-one mental health service. In addition, Medi-Cal requires that TBS be available for appropriate individuals and families. TBS may require 24-hour coverage, seven days per week, to help manage behavioral problems that are too hard for a child's family to handle, such as tantrums, assaultive behavior, or destruction of property, and helps the child to maintain the least restrictive level of living or educational placement.

In addition to direct client services and consulting, EMQ participates in the service monitoring process by administering outcome screens to its clients, in order to assist CSOC to more fully monitor and evaluate the outcomes resulting from these services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The expenditures for this amendment have been budgeted in CSOC for FY 2006-07. These costs are funded by approximately \$26,000 in Federal Medi-Cal funds, \$23,000 in State Mental Health EPSDT funds, \$10,000 in State foster care funds, \$43,000 in State Child Welfare Services revenue, \$32,000 in sales tax realignment, and \$13,000 in County general fund.

The following Contract for:

**Eastfield Ming Quong, Inc.,  
dba EMQ Children & Family  
Services**

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

**December 5, 2006**