

**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 Knecht, Interim Director, Children's System of Care

**DATE:** March 6, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Placer County Child Welfare Services System Improvement Plan

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the Placer County Child Welfare Services System Improvement Plan (SIP), and authorize the Director of Health & Human Services to submit the Plan to the California Department of Social Services.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of federally required measures, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reviewed California and other states' performance on a set of 14 outcomes for children and families served by states' child protective services, foster care, adoption and other child welfare related programs. No state, including California, passed all 14 measures. As a result of California's performance under the federal review, the California Legislature passed AB636, in 2001, establishing a series of steps for each county to improve outcomes for children who are served by the State's child welfare system.

AB636, implemented in 2004, required counties to complete an initial County Self Assessment of local program operations and systemic factors and how they affect measured outcomes, develop a County System Improvement Plan (SIP) setting objectives and an action plan for improving selected outcomes. Counties are also required to conduct a follow-up County Self Assessment and update SIP every three years.

The attached 2007 Plan was developed through an analysis of county and community data on service outcomes in Placer County, a series of staff and community-based focus groups which review the data and help design an action plan for change, and research on county procedures and services conducted by several community and county partnership committees.

Many of the objectives included in the Plan are synonymous with those in the Children's System of Care Program Performance Data included in the formal Placer County budget documents.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Activities will be performed by existing staff, and expenditures related to the implementation of the Plan are included in the FY2006-2007 budget. External funding for this program includes \$58,194 federal and \$67,895 State child welfare services funds. The County share is \$29,104 consisting of approximately \$20,000 in realignment and \$9,104 in County general funds.

The following Plan for:

**Placer County Child Welfare  
Services System Improvement  
Plan**

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

**March 6, 2007**