

**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:** March 20, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Approve Amendment to Contract Employee Agreement with Peter Van Auken, M.D. for Psychiatric Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve an amendment to Contract Employee Agreement number 12189 with Peter Van Auken, M.D. for the provision of psychiatric services in the Adult System of Care, extending the current contract expiration date from April 13, 2007 to August 13, 2007 and increasing the contract by \$92,152 for a revised total 16-month contract amount of \$380,464 and authorize the Chairman to sign this and any subsequent amendments.

**BACKGROUND:**

Placer County has five adult psychiatrists, three children's psychiatrists, and one Tahoe psychiatrist on contract to provide specific mental health services, primarily in the area of medication support. These positions are each 12 months in duration, and expire at different times based on the date of hire. The Systems of Care wish to remain competitive in retaining persons from this highly sought after specialty. A salary survey was recently completed in order to provide the Board with a comparison of Placer salaries with relevant regional salary information. The survey results indicated that the current Placer salaries are commensurate with the rates paid in other counties in surrounding areas, therefore there has been no increase in the rates over the prior contract period. The Adult System of Care (ASOC) has elected to extend the current contract for a four-month period, rather than renew for a full year, in order to allow time to evaluate the potential impacts to the County of the finalized State budget and to present your Board with a comprehensive staffing picture that incorporates finalized State budget information.

ASOC has been working with Peter Van Auken, M.D. since 2003 and is very pleased with his contributions in our system. Dr. Van Auken provides psychiatric inpatient services at our Psychiatric Health Facility and provides the psychiatric testimony necessary in any court process. He also provides excellent pharmacological and psychiatric care to clients as a part of the ASOC multi-disciplinary team.

The Personnel Department, County Counsel, and CEO's Office have reviewed this contract amendment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The attached contract amendment remains at the current salary range of Step 5. The amount including salary, benefits, expense reimbursements, and standby coverage has been pro-rated for the four-month contract extension. The total compensation package including mandated payroll costs is increasing by \$92,152 for a revised total 16-month contract amount of \$380,464.

The funding utilized for these services is a combination of Medi-Cal (35%), Realignment (35%), and County General Fund (30%).

The following Contract for:

**Peter Van Auken, MD-Contract  
Employee Agreement**

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

**March 20, 2007**