

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, M.S., Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: July 10, 2007

SUBJECT: Amendment to Contract for Security Services with Burrows Security Force

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Amendment CN005375-A to the agreement with Burrows Security Force to provide security personnel for the mental health crisis services assessment team, August 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$17,000, for a new revised total of \$124,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign this amendment.

BACKGROUND:

State and federal authorities mandate that Placer County assess individuals who are considered to be a danger to themselves or others due to a mental disorder and determine if these individuals are best served through being admitted to a psychiatric facility.

Burrows Security Force provides security personnel trained in crisis resolution and physical intervention in emergency mental health settings. Utilization of this contracted service facilitates a more rapid return of law enforcement officers to community patrol, streamlines the medical screening process required for admissions to psychiatric facilities, and provides additional assistance and support to both clients and staff. Law enforcement leaders have expressed great support for the improvements provided through this agreement. Approximately 1,300 crisis evaluations are performed per year in Placer County and approximately 50% of these evaluations result in psychiatric hospitalization.

Since implementation of this successful model, utilization has increased requiring this contract adjustment. Current utilization levels have been incorporated into current FY 2007-2008 proposed budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract, as amended, is funded by County General funds in the amount of \$124,000. These additional dollars have been identified in savings in other budgeted professional services that will not be expended in the current fiscal year, and may be reallocated to fund this amendment.

The following Amendment for:

Burrows Security Force

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

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