

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer, and HHS Director
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: February 26, 2008

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION** – Approve a Resolution commending Tim Farmer for more than 25 years as a Placer County employee with the Health and Human Services Department.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Resolution commending Tim Farmer for more than 25 years as a Placer County employee with the Health and Human Services Department.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Tim Farmer has been a valued member of the Placer County Mental Health team for more than three decades. Although he began his formal career with the county in 1981, his contributions to county services had been ongoing already for many years.

Tim's accomplishments are numerous, and his outstanding service has impacted the lives of countless children and families. Among a long list of noteworthy contributions, Tim developed and forged new relationships with the courts around collaboration with mentally ill offenders. These relationships served as the foundation for many of the county's outstanding court based services since that time.

Tim developed and implemented one of the first "Conditional Release" programs in the state. This groundbreaking tri-county collaborative for mentally ill offenders was a prototype for working with the courts and law enforcement. He was among a small handful of pioneers recognized by the state for introducing Forensic mental health practices. This work was the precursor to our present day drug court system.

In 1995, Tim accepted the transfer to mental health Program Coordinator, and was selected as the first Employee Services Manager for the newly created innovative Health and Human Services Office of Personnel Services. Tim was instrumental in the development of this office and in establishing new centralized personnel functions for the department.

In 2005, Tim was once again promoted to Program Manager, and returned to Client Services in the Children's System of Care. Since that time, Tim has played an active and vibrant role in supporting Placers' Children's System of Care, acknowledged as one of the nation's most effective child serving agencies.

In his more than 25 years associated with the County, Tim served as a valued mentor and teacher to hundreds of county staff and community partners, and has touched for good, the lives of thousands of Placer residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

In the matter of a Resolution commending Tim Farmer Resolution No. 2008-
for over 25 years of dedicated public service to Placer County.

WHEREAS, Tim Farmer has been a valued member of the Placer County Mental Health Team for more than twenty-five years. Although he began his formal career with the county in 1981, his contributions to county services had been ongoing already for many years; and

WHEREAS, Tim began his career with Placer County Health and Human Services (HHS) on October 1, 1981 as a Social Services Worker II, and quickly made an impact on his peers, Placer County's mentally ill and their families. Tim served for many years as a Patient Rights Advocate for the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, In the mid 1980's Tim developed and forged new relationships with the courts around collaboration with mentally ill offenders, to better ensure coordination of care for patients with mental illness. These relationships served as the foundation for many of the county's outstanding court based services since that time; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 Tim began work in the Forensic Services Team of HHS, and he was further promoted to Program Coordinator. In this capacity, Tim developed and implemented one of the first "Conditional Release" programs in the state. This ground breaking tri-counties collaborative for mentally ill offenders was a prototype for working with the courts and law enforcement. He was among a small handful of pioneers recognized by the state for introducing forensic mental health practices, which work was the precursor to our present day drug court system; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Tim was selected as the first Employee Services Manager for the newly created innovative Health and Human Services Office of Personnel Services. Tim was instrumental in the development of this office and in establishing new centralized personnel functions for the department. While working in Personnel, Tim accomplished many goals and contributed greatly to department successes; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Tim was once again promoted to Program Manager, and returned to Client Services in the Children's System of Care. Since that time, Tim has played an active and vibrant role in supporting Placers' Children's System of Care, acknowledged as one of the nation's most effective child serving agencies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with the County, Tim served as a valued mentor and teacher to hundreds of county staff and community partners, and has touched for good, the lives of thousands of Placer residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, acknowledge with deep appreciation, Tim Farmer's distinguished service to Placer County, and wish him well in his retirement and any new ventures he pursues.

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