

**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, Director, Children's System of Care

DATE: October 7, 2008

SUBJECT: Contract with PlacerArts to facilitate the Auburn Big Time-Pow Wow

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with PlacerArts in the amount of \$15,000 as a co-sponsor of the Auburn Big Time-Pow Wow, a community cultural event to honor and support Native American families and children in Placer County to be held on October 25, 2008, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and any amendments as needed. There are no County General Funds in this action and these costs are reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

In recognition of the innovative and effective child welfare partnerships that the Children's System of Care has developed over the years, the federal government has provided funds for efforts that build on that foundation and continue to incorporate the diverse strengths and cultures present in the County. As part of this work with the native populations it was identified that our communities would greatly benefit from a traditional first peoples' Pow Wow. For generations, Pow Wows and Big Times have served the purpose of creating the space in which diverse ideas, history, and dreams can be shared in the context of celebrating the cultures and traditions of participants. These exchanges frequently result in the healing of cultural wounds, recognition of unique community strengths, and improved cross-cultural respect and communication.

The community of native populations of this County as represented by the Colfax-Todd's Valley Consolidated Maidu/Miwok tribe, the United Auburn Indian Community School, and other local partners from education, non-profits, and the faith-based community serving the diverse inter-tribal population of Placer County have come together in support of the benefit that our community could derive from holding this first of its kind "Big Time-Pow Wow". It was determined that the long-standing expertise and leadership that the Arts Council of Placer County (PlacerArts) has demonstrated in celebrating local arts and culture would make PlacerArts the best local entity to coordinate the overall event.

The event will include cross-cultural events of traditional dancing, music, competitive games, graphic arts, food, and opportunities for healing and recovery from personal and historic trauma.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$15,000 of the costs will be funded by the dedicated federal funds made available this year with the remainder of the expenses either represented in in-kind contributions or event revenues. All expenditures have been approved by the federal liaison assigned to our County as appropriate and allowable. No County General Funds will be used.

A copy of this contract is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

