

**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: June 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Contracts for Psychiatric Services with Mai Nguyen, M.D. and Robert Karsh, M.D.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve two contract employee agreements to provide psychiatric services in the Children's System of Care:

- a. An agreement with Mai Nguyen, M.D. from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 with direct compensation of \$150,881 for a total compensation package of \$176,333,
- b. An agreement with Robert Karsh, M.D. from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 with direct compensation of \$153,296 for a total compensation package of \$180,801, and
- c. Authorize the Chairman to sign subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the original contract amounts.

Total compensation for the two contracts of \$357,134 represents a 4% increase over the prior term due to a reassignment of on-call hours. The combined General Fund contribution for these contracts is \$132,303. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Children's System of Care physicians provide mandated psychiatric and medication support to over 210 children each year.

Dr. Nguyen is a Board Certified psychiatrist who has worked with Placer County since 1997. Under this agreement, Dr. Nguyen will provide 1,040 hours of service to patients at the Kings Beach Community Clinic and other key locations. Starting in FY 2009-10, Dr. Nguyen will also provide on-call and standby coverage to the Adult System of Care.

Dr. Karsh started work with Placer County in 2006 and is Board Certified in child psychiatry. Under this agreement, Dr. Karsh will provide 1,248 hours of services to CSOC.

Personnel, County Counsel, and CEO's Office have reviewed these contracts, and all are fully supportive of this approach. These contracts were also reviewed and recommended for approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on May 18, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The combined total compensation for these two positions is \$357,134, an increase of \$14,902 (4.4 percent) from the cost of these services for the prior year, due to a reassignment of on-call hours. Funding for these services includes \$224,831 in Federal and State funds, and a County General Fund contribution of \$132,303. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

These contracts are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

