

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: January 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the renewal grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive funds for Permanent Supportive Housing in the amount of \$299,927 for a 12-month term, beginning December 1, 2009. The funding provides on-going housing rental subsidies and self-sufficiency services to homeless mentally ill and disabled individuals and their families. The required match for these services includes \$28,936 in County General Funds. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Permanent Supportive Housing grant helps to reduce homelessness for those with mental illness in Placer County by providing rental subsidies for housing and support services such as employment and community resources to assist persons to become self-sufficient. The Adult System of Care (ASOC) has successfully implemented this grant for six years. This service is part of the mandated mental health services targeting persons with severe and chronic mental illness.

This is the seventh year that Placer County has received the Permanent Supportive Housing grant. Currently there are 31 single adults and one adult with a minor child enrolled in the program. ASOC continues to improve housing options and services for formerly homeless persons in Placer County.

The Permanent Supportive Housing program is celebrating significant successes with 97 percent of the current participants remaining in the program more than seven months, thereby increasing stability for these mentally ill and disabled individuals and their families. During the last grant year, 63 percent of those exiting the program had obtained gainful employment or qualified for grants which allowed them to reduce their dependency on local County General Funds. This has provided them the means to remain in permanent housing increasing the potential for self-sufficiency. Through the renewal of this grant, support services will continue to assist these clients in leading healthy and productive lives.

Persons who are both homeless and mentally ill have a significant impact on local resources. Their unstable situation causes them to overuse emergency room services, inpatient psychiatric services, as well as impacting the criminal justice system. The Permanent Supportive Housing program is able to significantly reduce this impact in Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This renewal grant provides the same level of funding as the previous fiscal year. The \$299,927 grant includes an additional required County match of \$28,936 which is included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Final Budget.

A copy of the Renewal Grant Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

