

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, Children's System of Care

DATE: July 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Contract for Educational and Cultural Services to Native Youth and Families

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with Native Alliance of the Sierra Nevada Foothills to provide culturally specific educational and family services to Native families from August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$464,337, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount.

These services are fully funded with Federal and State funds. \$414,492 of these costs are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. The balance will be included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Budget. No County General Fund match is required.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, Placer County's state and nationally recognized integrated children's services model (the Placer model) was awarded a six-year federal grant, intended to compliment the County's innovative, outcomes-based service model. The intent of the federal grant is to build community-based capacity to better meet the child welfare and mental health issues of all children, with a particular focus on Native, Latino and teenage youth who have historically been underserved.

This contract will address child welfare and mental health issues in the underserved Native communities in order to reduce disparities and negative outcomes, such as school failure and substance abuse. These programs include native parenting classes, mentoring, youth classes, and community events including the annual regional Pow Wow where thousands of Native American community members and families come together to build community capacity to insulate young people against harmful influences. The partnership between CSOC and the Native Alliance was acknowledged earlier this month at the annual federal SAMHSA conference, with an Excellence in Community Outreach award, for the Native Alliance's effective use of its internet website to reach native youth and families.

Young people participating in these programs will deliver more than 8,000 hours of community service next year. 600 Placer County families will benefit from these child welfare and mental health services, and an additional 5,000 people will attend the Pow Wow.

Consistent with all Department contracts, this contract may be amended to reduce services based on changes in Federal or State funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

