

**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: May 24, 2011

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 the Shelter Plus Care Program in the amount of \$298,716 for a 12-month term, beginning May 20, 2011, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement. This funding provides on-going housing rental subsidies to qualified homeless individuals with a mental illness or other disabilities.

BACKGROUND:

The Shelter Plus Care program grant helps to reduce homelessness for those with mental illness and other disabilities in Placer County by providing rental subsidies. The participants must be involved in support services such as employment, case management, or treatment. The Adult System of Care (ASOC) has successfully implemented Shelter Plus Care grants for the past seven years.

The Shelter Plus Care program gives special consideration to those who are seriously mentally ill, have a chronic substance abuse issue and/or have HIV/AIDS or other related disease. Participants of the program pay 30 percent of their income toward rent. This grant will fund 29 units of housing for 33 individuals and/or families during the year. When Shelter Plus Care began seven years ago there were only seven housing units funded. Through staff efforts and community support the program has quadrupled.

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

A match is required to ensure the provision of supportive services equal to the value of rental assistance provided by HUD. The required match includes \$232,256 in Federal, State, and community partner funding, and \$66,460 in County General Funds. No additional staffing is required, as services are provided by current County staff and/or community-based organizations. These program costs are included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Final Budget.

A copy of the renewal grant agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

