

**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:** June 7, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Provision of Transitional Housing Placement-Plus Program

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve renewal of a contract with Whole Person Learning, Inc. to deliver housing and supportive services to emancipating foster youth transitioning to adulthood from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$564,274, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments not to exceed \$49,999.

**BACKGROUND:**

Through effective partnerships, and in order to provide the most effective support services to current and emancipating foster youth, Children's System of Care seeks to deliver counseling, housing supports, career education, problem solving and budgeting, and support for youth to access needed community resources. These services prevent homelessness, substance abuse and deter criminal behavior for emancipating foster youth struggling to transition to adulthood. In Placer County for example, nearly 70 percent of emancipating foster youth enroll in college or trade school, while the statewide average is 10 percent. This service provides former foster youth with transitional housing and supportive services, allowing them to acquire the skills necessary to transition to adulthood and better attain self-sufficiency.

Whole Person Learning, Inc. has provided services to youth at risk of homelessness and substance abuse for more than 20 years. During FY 2009-10, 35 emancipating foster youth were successfully served using this program.

The contract amount of \$564,274 is a slight decrease from the previous year's contract due to a reduction in the Statewide THP-Plus allocation. Consistent with all Department contracts, this contract may be amended to reduce services based on changes in Federal or State funding.

These services were awarded to Whole Person Learning in March 2008 as a result of a Request for Proposals and have been renewed in subsequent years based on the satisfactory performance of this contractor.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Total expenditures of \$564,274 includes 100 percent State funds and is included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget. This contract is a discretionary Board-approved program. No County General Fund contribution is required.

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

