

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.
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Richard S. Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: June 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement with FamiliesFirst, Inc. to Provide Intensive and Immediate Wraparound Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Amendment CN012756-B with FamiliesFirst, Inc., dba EMQ FamiliesFirst for short-term intensive behavior stabilization and support services, increasing the amount by \$96,000 for a revised total of \$514,292 from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Children's System of Care and its partners deliver a combination of intensive in-home counseling, crisis stabilization, and mental health services to children and families in Placer County. This mandated time-limited, early intervention treatment prevents these youth from entering the Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, inpatient hospital, or other institutional settings which are often difficult to access and, on average, more than five times as costly.

Typically some 30 youth receive this valuable treatment modality, preserving their placements in their own homes and schools. Legal action brought against the State, settled in 2010, now mandates that this service be available to increasing numbers of youth each year. Approximately 45 young people received this crisis stabilization service in the past 12 months, necessitating that this nearly two year old contract be increased to accommodate the increased number of youth.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This increase in contract expenditures of \$96,000 is included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Final Budget. This increase will be funded by \$94,080 (98%) in Federal and State funding, and \$1,920 (2%) in County General Funds.

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

