

**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 of Children's System of Care

DATE: July 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Agreement with EMQ FamiliesFirst to Provide Mental Health Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a renewal agreement with FamiliesFirst Inc., dba EMQ FamiliesFirst in the amount of \$588,000 to provide intensive crisis stabilization and related specialty mental health services from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to \$49,999.

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 time-limited, early intervention treatment, including 24-hour care as necessary, prevents these youth from entering inpatient hospitals or other institutional settings which are often difficult to access and, on average, more than five times as costly.

Under this agreement, up to 60 children each year will receive this effective and cost-saving service, and avoid out-of-home care. A legal action brought in another jurisdiction against the State, settled in 2010, resulted in a requirement that counties make this service available to increasing numbers of youth each year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract is funded through \$517,000 (88%) in Federal and State funding, and \$71,000 (12%) in County General Funds. The Department has included sufficient operating expenditures (\$294,000) in its FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget for the first year of this contract, with the balance to be included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Base Budget.

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

