

**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:** Travel Request to Attend Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration 2011 Summer Conference

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve out-of-state travel for three Children's System of Care staff members to attend and present Placer County's outcomes at the mandated Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Technical Assistance Partnership on July 17-21, 2011, held in Chicago, Illinois. The total cost for travel, lodging, per diem, and registration is estimated at \$5,803.

**BACKGROUND:**

As the Children's System of Care successfully completes a six-year partnership with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), many enhancements to our already nationally recognized integrated children's services model are evident.

More than 2,000 Placer County children and youth are now able to obtain culturally and linguistically proficient social and mental health services each year as the direct result of the combined federal and County General Funds prioritized by this Board for the health and well being of all Placer County youth. Community capacity to support children and families has been developed resulting in increased community self-sufficiency and decreased government dependency. A reduction in family dysfunction and child maltreatment in recent years can be directly attributed to the local enhancements brought about by these dollars.

The SAMHSA federal authorities require that graduating communities present their outcomes to a national group of stakeholders in order to share that learning and knowledge around the country. Three Children's System of Care staff members will represent the County at this conference where Placer's six-year outcomes will be presented as a model for other counties across the country to use in the delivery of child welfare services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

These costs are fully funded with Federal SAMHSA dollars. Travel costs were included in the Department's FY 2010-11 approved budget. The balance will be included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Budget. No County General Fund contribution is required.

Attachments – Travel Request on Official Business (3 each)

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