

**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:** November 8, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the renewal grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive funds for Permanent Supportive Housing in the amount of \$299,927 for a 12-month term, beginning December 1, 2011, plus a required County General Fund match of \$28,936. The funding provides on-going housing rental subsidies and self-sufficiency services to homeless mentally ill and disabled individuals and their families.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Permanent Supportive Housing grant helps to reduce homelessness for those with mental illness in Placer County by providing rental subsidies for housing and support services such as employment and community resources to assist persons to become self-sufficient. The Adult System of Care (ASOC) has successfully implemented this grant for the past seven years. At the end of the last grant year, there were 34 single adults and 2 adults with 5 minor children enrolled in the program. ASOC continues to improve housing options and services for formerly homeless persons in Placer County. This service is part of the mandated mental health services targeting persons with severe and chronic mental illness.

The Permanent Supportive Housing program is celebrating significant successes with 80 percent of the current participants remaining in the program more than three years, thereby increasing stability for these individuals and families with mental illness and disabilities. Five of the six participants who left the program during the last grant year obtained permanent housing, either through local subsidized housing opportunities or with family. This has provided them the means to remain in permanent housing, increasing the potential for self-sufficiency. Through the renewal of this grant, support services will continue to assist these clients in leading healthy and productive lives.

Persons who are both homeless and mentally ill 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 Permanent Supportive Housing program is able to significantly reduce this impact in Placer County. As an example, at \$9,300/year per participant, the housing and supportive services program cost is approximately 1/4 of the cost of incarceration in our County Jail, which is conservatively estimated at \$36,000/year per person.

The Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board approved this contract at its October 24, 2011 meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This grant provides the same level of funding as the previous fiscal year. The Department's FY 2011-12 Final Budget includes \$174,957 in grant funds and a required County General Fund match of \$16,829. The grant balance of \$124,970 and County General Fund match of \$12,107 will be included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Budget.

A copy of the Renewal Grant Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

