

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 Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: November 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Contract for Mental Health Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with Mental Health America of Northern California to provide a Consumer Affairs Supervisor from November 8, 2011 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$83,183 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contract and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the total amount.

BACKGROUND:

The redesigns within the Adult System of Care (ASOC) mental health services system have included the use of persons with lived experience as part of the service continuum. This has included the hiring of Occupational Trainees, Peer Advocates and Family Advocates through both County and contract agencies to provide peer support to many persons within the mental health system. This type of redesign is evidence-based and has improved the outcomes of persons statewide with severe mental illness receiving treatment in the public mental health system.

Mental Health America currently provides a Family Advocate program for the Adult and Children's Systems of Care as a result of a Request for Proposals conducted in November 2010. The program utilizes workers with lived experiences as the family member of an individual with mental health, substance abuse, or behavioral challenges. The role of these workers is to mentor, support, advocate and/or support individual families, and recommend, design, and/or implement policies and programs that promote family-centered service delivery.

This new agreement expands the current program to provide a Consumer Affairs Supervisor to support the activities of the Peer Advocates and Family Advocates within the ASOC. In addition, this position will support staff development efforts identified in the Workforce Education and Training Plan of the Mental Health Services Act. These activities include training, capacity building, technical assistance, and client leadership to adult clients and program teams in the ASOC.

This contract was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on October 24, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total expenditures of \$83,183 include 100% State funds. No County General Fund match is required. Funding of \$33,273 is included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Final Budget, and \$49,910 will be included in the Department's FY 2012-13 budget.

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

