

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: June 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Agreements with Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center and North Tahoe Family Resource Center to Provide Community-Based Child Protective Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve the following agreements to provide community-based child protective services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting agreements and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the original contract amounts, consistent with the current agreements' subject matter and scope of work:
 - a. Lighthouse Counseling and Family Resource Center in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 (\$14,500 net County cost), and
 - b. North Tahoe Family Resource Center in an amount not to exceed \$52,000 (\$10,500 net County cost).

BACKGROUND:

2013 marks the tenth year since the Children's System of Care began implementation of effective alternative child protection methods, known locally as Differential Response. In 2004, the State provided additional flexibility in its mandated Child Protective Services funding, allowing counties the ability to engage families more proactively and sensitively, and help them find resources which would not have been possible before.

The County's Family Resource Centers have been very effective and efficient partners in delivering this prevention service, most recently to more than 1,000 families last year. Prior to Placer County's implementation of this service, these families would have received no response to their referral, and an average of 120 of these children would eventually require costly and stigmatizing child welfare and dependency court services, and face potential removal from their homes. This cost-effective service supports a cost avoidance of more than \$400,000 annually.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The combined total amount for these contracts during FY 2012-13 was \$102,500. For the current term, these contracts total \$124,000 and are funded with \$99,000 in State funding and \$25,000 in County General Funds. These expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Requested Budget.

These contracts are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

