

**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, Children's System of Care

**DATE:** October 8, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Suicide Prevention and Intervention Skills Training, Mental Health Awareness, and Bilingual Outreach and Engagement

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Approve a contract with Placer County Office of Education to provide suicide intervention training, workshops to increase awareness about mental illness, and bilingual community support from October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$43,695 (no net County cost), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contract and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the original contract amount, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

**BACKGROUND:**

Responding to the needs of a number of Placer County's local communities where suicide and its related aftereffects have been experienced in recent months, Health and Human Services (HHS) is desirous to expand the use of effective community training strategies.

This contract will deliver proven first-response training to up to 3,000 Placer County residents, first responders and caregivers, about how to recognize and intervene with others experiencing suicidal thoughts, and will also provide for bilingual outreach and engagement to youth and families where additional services and supports are needed to prevent self-harming behavior.

This approach is supported by the County's Campaign for Community Wellness Steering Committee, a broad-based coalition of consumers and mental health advocates. Placer County Office of Education staff are certified and trained in the selected modalities, and have provided this training model for more than 10 years.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The \$43,695 in expenditures is included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Final Budget. These services are fully funded by State dollars and no County General Funds are required.

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

