

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Human Services Division

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Cheryl S. Davis, Director of Human Services

DATE: June 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Contract with The Gathering Inn for Human Services Application Assistance

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a contract with The Gathering Inn in the amount of \$15,000 (no net County cost) from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to perform required individual needs assessments, education, application and retention assistance to help eligible Placer County residents learn about, apply for, successfully enroll in and retain benefits issued by Human Services, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contract and amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND:

During Fiscal Year 2013-14, Human Services successfully partnered with local community and faith-based organizations to conduct community education and application assistance to help eligible Placer County residents learn about, apply for, and retain health insurance coverage. This approach offered residents the ability to seek assistance in their community and helped Human Services successfully enroll over 13,000 individuals in Medi-Cal in a six-month period.

Human Services would like to expand this approach to a population that is often difficult to serve because of their lack of address or phone access and ensure that benefits issued by Human Services are part of an overall plan to help the individual end his/her homelessness.

We are requesting your approval to contract with The Gathering Inn to perform the required individual needs assessments, education, application and retention assistance tasks at their location to help their eligible participants learn about, apply for, successfully enroll in, and retain benefits issued by Human Services. The funding in this contract will cover staff time to perform these functions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract is fully funded with Federal and State funds, and no County General Funds are required. These services are funded in the Department's FY 2014-15 Proposed Budget.

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

