

**MEMORANDUM**  
**PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Children's System of Care**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services  
Richard S. Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care

**DATE:** April 7, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Mental Health America of Northern California to Provide Family Advocacy Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Approve first amendment to contract CN013408 with Mental Health America of Northern California increasing the compensation by \$155,498 for a revised aggregate amount of \$1,360,208 (no net County cost) from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 to provide youth and family advocacy services, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

**BACKGROUND:**

Mental Health America of Northern California, Inc. is a well-established regional provider of these services, and is a leader in developing unique and flexible consumer lead interventions and supports. Last year, the nine-person Family Advocacy team served more than 400 families in the Children's Systems of Care. Since 2004, these services have assisted 2,400 Placer County families, which resulted in shortened court proceedings, reduced re-entry into foster care, and fewer grievances.

Building on CSOC's long successful model of integrated and co-located services, and paralleling the county's just approved Criminal Justice Master Plan, this amendment will provide these same valuable supports to families where a parent has experienced recent incarceration, and a child in that same family has mental health needs. A team of professionals and paraprofessionals will provide intensive community based services to the family to deliver timely mental health and support services to the youth and family, helping to break the multi-generational cycle of recidivism. This approach is supported by the System Management Advocacy and Resource Team (SMART) policy board, including judges, the County Office of Education, and the Probation Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This amendment will increase contract expenditures by \$155,498 for a new contract total of \$1,360,208. \$77,749 of the increase is included in the Final Budget for the Department for FY 2014-15 and the remaining increase of \$77,749 was included in a Requested Budget for the Department for FY 2015-16. This contract increase of \$155,498 and the total contract of \$1,360,208 are entirely funded by State Mental Health funds and no County General Funds are required

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

