

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult System of Care and Medical Clinics**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Maureen F. Bauman, L.C.S.W., M.P.A., Director of Adult System of Care and Medical Clinics

DATE: August 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Agreement for Coordination of Homeless Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a contract with the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras, a nonprofit organization that provides services to the homeless, in the amount of \$33,000, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement and amendments not to exceed 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work. Funding is provided by State funds (\$19,470) and budgeted net County cost (\$13,530).

BACKGROUND:

The Placer County homeless count conducted January of 2015 attempted to count all persons homeless on a single day. The count found 517 homeless in Placer County including 406 adults with no children and 37 families. In addition, there were 181 adults identified as chronically homeless.

In Placer the county, cities and community agencies have been working together to reduce homelessness for many years. The Placer Consortium on Homelessness was one of the first efforts to address this issue in Placer. This group helped to establish the Placer Continuum of Care (CoC) that effectively drew down US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding for housing options. The CoC was expanded to include Nevada County as an effort to bring in more resources to the region. These efforts then evolved through the establishment of a 501(c) 3 agency, the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras, HRCS.

This agency has a board with members that collectively have over 100 years' experience in providing services to the homeless. Placer Consortium on Homelessness, now a workgroup of HRCS continues to meet monthly to address homeless issues. HRCS has taken on the coordination of the CoC including Housing and Community Development and Emergency Solution Grants for Placer and Nevada County. Annually, the group is responsible for over a million dollars in funding and the performance monitoring of HUD grants.

HRCS coordinates the HUD bi-annual homeless count and organizes community education events on homelessness. HRCS is in process of implementing a coordinated assessment and developing a strategic plan. HRCS is also responsible for the Continuum's Homeless Management Information System, HMIS, ensuring accuracy of data reported to HUD. Currently, all our HUD funded programs enter data into the HMIS and in the future hope to have all Placer County social service agencies entering homeless service data.

The City of Roseville and Nevada County contribute to HRCS for the coordination of homeless services. These three contracts, outside grants, volunteer time from social services agencies and a small HUD planning grant fund the coordination of homeless services in both Nevada and Placer counties. HRCS will be applying for additional grants and requesting other jurisdictions to contribute to the overall homeless service coordination.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For the total contract amount of \$33,000, funding is provided by State funds (\$19,470) and County General Funds (\$13,530). Of the total, \$9,735 State funds and \$6,765 County General Funds are included in the Department's FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget. The remaining funds will be included in the Department's FY 2016-17 requested budget.

This contract is on file with Clerk of the Board.