



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 7, 2016

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

SUBJECT: Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Application

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Authorize the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to execute and submit an application for renewal of the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant in the amount of \$731,915 (no net County cost), for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and accept those funds and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the application and all resulting documentation, reports, agreements, amendments, and certifications as required.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Community Mental Health Services Block Grant has funded services to children, adults, and older adults with serious mental illness in Placer County for the past 20 years.

The Children's System of Care leverages these resources to deliver counseling, social skills training, and peer support to over 200 youth who were in, or at risk of entry into foster care, from either probation or child welfare services. Many of these youth would have otherwise required expensive psychiatric hospital-based care.

The Adult System of Care, in collaboration with the Alliance for the Mentally Ill Housing, utilizes this funding to provide secure, stable housing to adults and seniors with serious mental illness such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and other severe conditions. County staff also provides support services such as psychiatric assessment, referrals and counseling. This support aids clients in improving skills that allow them to live independently and become financially stable, while reducing the need for costly inpatient hospital services. In FY 2015-16, 225 adults successfully obtained stable housing and/or received community referrals, outreach, and assessments for additional services.

The County's Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board reviewed and recommended this application for approval at its regular meeting on May 20, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT

These Federal revenues and their associated expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget. No matching County General Funds are required.

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

