



**MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: July 26, 2016

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

SUBJECT: Contract with CDSS for loan of an employee to serve as a Transformation Manager

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an extension of the revenue contract with California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the loan of an employee, Richard Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care, to serve in the capacity of a Transformation Manager to implement the expansion of mental health services to foster care children, in the amount of \$131,133, plus expenses, for the period of August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the contract's subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND

Katie A. v. Bonta was a class action lawsuit filed in federal district court in 2002 concerning the availability of intensive mental health services to children in California who are either in foster care or at imminent risk of coming into care. A settlement agreement was reached in this case in December 2011, and child welfare mental health leaders from state and local levels are working together to establish a framework for the provision of a sustainable array of services that occur in a coordinated manner in community settings.

As part of this agreement, CDSS and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) agreed to take specific actions that will strengthen California's child and welfare and mental health systems with specific objectives. Beginning August 1, 2015, CDSS contracted with Placer County Health and Human Services for the loan of an employee, Richard Knecht, to serve as the Transformation Manager to facilitate the implementation of Shared Governance, as outlined in the *Katie A. v. Bonta* Settlement Agreement and subsequent Implementation Plan. The State is requesting an additional five months in his role to establish a sustainable community framework to efficiently and effectively provide intensive mental health services to children in California who are either in foster care or imminent risk of coming into care.

Under the administrative direction of the CDSS Children and Family Services Division Deputy Director and reporting directly to the Executive Team, Richard Knecht will continue to serve as the Transformation Manager. While Richard continues to be on loan to the CDSS, Twylla Abrahamson will continue as the Interim Director of Children's System of Care.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2016-17 revenue of \$131,133, plus expenses, will be included in the Department's FY 2016-17 Final Budget. Total revenue from this 17 month contract is \$351,464. There are no county general funds required; rather, all costs are fully reimbursed with State funds.

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

