



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: October 11, 2016

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

SUBJECT: The Gathering Inn – Request for Financial Contribution

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a grant agreement to The Gathering Inn in the amount of \$150,000 to support the ongoing provision of shelter bed services for the time period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement.

BACKGROUND

The Gathering Inn formed in 2004 when a group of Placer County ministers collaborated to provide food and shelter during the coldest months of the year to homeless individuals in Placer County. Within three years, The Gathering Inn evolved into a year round sheltering program and a day program offering on-site case management and services at their Gateway Resource Center to address mental health, addiction, employment, medical, and dental needs of homeless individuals. Approximately 38 congregations open their facilities to provide overnight shelter and food to the homeless. The Gathering Inn provides staff oversight, transportation, scheduling and other logistics to support these sheltering efforts and connect homeless individuals with their Resource Center services.

Due to a recent decrease in a federal grant combined with an increase in operating cost, The Gathering Inn needs an infusion of funding to continue to provide staffing and services for its Overnight Sheltering Services Program at the current level. The Gathering Inn provides a valuable service for Placer. The County's investment of \$150,000 will assist in the general operating support to ongoing provision of shelter bed services. As part of the CEO's 2016 Proposed Budget Challenges & Choices presentation this last spring your board provided direction to staff to return with an agreement providing this one time funding assistance to The Gathering Inn.

FISCAL IMPACT

A County General Fund contribution in the amount of \$150,000 for general operating support to ongoing provision of shelter bed services was included in the Department's FY 2016-17 Final Budget.

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

