

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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Richard S. Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: July 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Contracts for Innovative Community-based Mental Health Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

- a. Approve five new contracts resulting from the California Mental Health Services Act Innovations Grant for various innovative mental health services to Placer County residents from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the following contracts and approve subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of each contract amount:
 1. Latino Leadership Council - \$95,250 for youth training and mentoring.
 2. Native Alliance of the Sierra Nevada Foothills aka Sierra Native Alliance - \$47,850 for peer-led support and mentoring.
 3. Tahoe Truckee Unified School District - \$69,600 for a school-based wellness drop-in and resource center.
 4. North Tahoe Family Resource Center - \$54,750 for parent and at-risk youth leadership training.
 5. Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing - \$100,000 for peer supported transitional housing for homeless adults with mental illness.
- b. Approve Amendment CN005087-A with the Placer Community Foundation, increasing the amount by \$32,550 for a revised total of \$387,724 for administration of mental health mini-grants from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the total contract amount.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County's Adult and Children's Systems of Care work collaboratively with many community partners to deliver a host of mental health and related prevention services. Each day, thousands of Placer County residents have their mental health needs met directly or indirectly, through their natural networks of family, friends, neighbors, faith groups, and other community organizations, which are often best positioned to deliver care and support. Many of these groups may not even recognize the role they already play in providing support to individuals dealing with mental health issues.

With the support of the Campaign for Community Wellness, a multi-agency partnership which includes school districts, non-profit providers, and the County Probation Department, Health and Human Services conducted a competitive grant process to solicit applications to use newly available State mental health allocations to build upon Placer's profound legacy of community-based care, to deliver mental health services which help foster this genuinely independent and community-based approach.

These five projects were selected from among 16 applicants to further develop effective and long-term solutions to allow communities to meet the specific mental health needs of their own populations. The goals of this project include building the capacity these natural networks provide in supporting long-term wellness, learning how to successfully engage groups not traditionally involved with mental health services, increasing awareness of the mental health issues within our communities, and expanding the awareness of the role that everyone plays in keeping our residents well. When successful, these innovative strategies result in reduced need for agency funded care. It is anticipated that more than 1200 county residents will benefit by having access to these truly community based preventive strategies in confronting truancy, substance abuse, homelessness and other challenges.

Additionally, the department requests authority to amend a related agreement with the Placer Community Foundation, in order to effectively administer related grants for the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These projects are funded with 100 percent State funding. No County General fund match is required. The Department's FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget includes sufficient operating expenditures for these contracts.

These five new contracts and the Placer Community Foundation amendment are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.