

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.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Richard S. Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: July 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Agreement with KidsPeace for Intensive Residential Placement and Psychiatric Hospitalization

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve two new agreements with KidsPeace National Centers, Inc., and KidsPeace Children's Hospital, Inc., to provide intensive group home residential care and psychiatric hospitalization from June 10, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$128,482, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreements and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the initial total.

BACKGROUND:

Placer's Children's System of Care has, since 2006, reduced the number of youth who are placed in residential settings outside the County and State by more than 25%. Occasionally, mandated foster care and associated mental health services to young people with unique medical needs require that care be obtained in specialized settings in other geographies. In some cases, those needs require placement in treatment facilities which do not have an existing contract for services.

As a result of the acute and specific medical and psychiatric needs of a Placer County youth, this contract with KidsPeace is needed to assure that this young person receives the unique care required to maintain his health, safety and well being. KidsPeace is a Pennsylvania-based long term, intensive residential center, with adjoining children's hospital services, that is capable of providing for both the child's mental health and medical needs. The facility is licensed and is a California Department of Social Services approved program.

Two contracts, one for June 10-30, 2011 and a subsequent contract for FY 2011-12, are incorporated in this requested approval, as required by the KidsPeace facility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These contracts are funded through \$81,500 (63%) in Federal and State funding, and \$46,982 (37%) in County General Funds. The Department's FY 2010-11 Final Budget and the Proposed Budget for FY 2011-12 include these contract expenditures.

These contracts are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

