

**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, M.S., Director, Children's System of Care

DATE: July 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Contracts for Federal and State Funded Services for Latino and Youth Populations

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the following contracts and amendment relating to an array of services for underserved Latino and Youth populations, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting documents and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amounts.

- a. Contract with Latino Leadership Council, Inc. to provide culturally specific educational and family support services to Latino families from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$110,963; and acknowledge legally required disclosure requirements within the Board memo.
- b. Contract with Whole Person Learning, Inc. to provide leadership mentoring and support to youth as they transition into college from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$50,555.24.
- c. Amendment CN005168-A with Whole Person Learning, Inc. to expand existing support services for Placer County youth, increasing the contract amount by \$41,900 for a revised total of \$90,500 and extending the term through December 31, 2011.

These services total \$203,418 and are fully funded with Federal and State funds. Combined Federal and State funding for these services has been reduced three percent from the prior year. \$150,165 of these costs are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. The balance will be included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Budget. No County General Fund match is required.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, Placer County's State and nationally recognized integrated children's services model (the Placer model) was awarded a six-year federal grant, intended to compliment the innovative and effective service outcomes in the County. The intent of the federal grant was to specifically build community-based strategies to better serve all children, with a particular focus on Latino and teenage youth who were at times underserved. Through this grant, the System of Care has begun to transition elements of service delivery to a shared partnership with community non-profit and private partners.

The grant has enabled the creation of the Latino Leadership Council to enhance the community's capacity to identify and address child welfare and mental health issues. Whole Person Learning is a local organization with a 24-year history of serving Placer County's young adults and soon-to-be adults.

These new contracts and amendment will facilitate the transition to a more sustainable and dependable service model that is built on community capacity, supports independence for Latino youth and families, and reduces the need for publicly-funded services.

Consistent with all Department contracts, this contract may be further amended to reduce services based on changes in Federal or State funding.

Disclosure Requirement

In relation specifically to Item A, the Latino Leadership Council pays Elisa Herrera to provide project oversight and serve as the non-profit's coordinator. She is also the County's consultant who assisted in the recent establishment of the LLC as a non-profit organization, and worked on the development of this contract for the County. The fact that she holds these two positions at once is part of the natural

transition of this program, as the County instigated the creation of this non-profit through this consultant to serve the children in the region. The County notes that she has a remote interest in the contract, and when approving Item A, the Board acknowledges Ms. Herrera's position with the non-profit and the County in relation to the contract. This paragraph serves as satisfaction of State law disclosure requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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