

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult 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
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: September 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Consultant Agreement with Minkoff & Cline, d.b.a. ZiaLogic

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the 3-year consultant agreement with Minkoff and Cline, d.b.a. ZiaLogic in the amount of \$242,150, authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County has identified a need to transform mental health, substance abuse, and child protective services to achieve better outcomes with the clients who are in the public system, particularly in relation to clients who have both mental health and substance abuse disorders. The Mental Health Services Act supports counties to improve their abilities to provide quality and effective services to those clients with these co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. During the planning for the Mental Health Services Act, the community gave strong input that this improvement was a high priority. It was listed as the second highest priority for those activities that were targeted for system improvements.

Kenneth Minkoff, M.D. is a board-certified psychiatrist with additional qualifications in addiction psychiatry, a dedicated community psychiatrist, and a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on integrated treatment of individuals with co-occurring psychiatric and substance disorders or "dual diagnosis". His consulting partner, Christie A. Cline, M.D., MBA is the Medical Director for the Behavioral Health Services Division of the New Mexico Department of Health. Together they have provided consultation in over 15 states and 3 Canadian provinces on the development of integrated systems of care for such individuals.

The ZiaLogic consultant group has provided a model to design, implement, and evaluate the development of systems transformation to provide integrated services for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The application of the model will be used across the system to further improvements in relation to both mental health and substance abuse services for children and families, and adults. In addition, this work is critical to the systems improvement work of three initiatives currently underway: the Child Welfare Re-Design, Mental Health Services Act, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) grant on system improvement.

In FY05/06, ZiaLogic worked with the System of Care and community partners and completed a charter for a plan to improve services to persons with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. An oversight group (the Continuous Quality Improvement Partnership) will oversee the coordination and progress of systems improvements in all of these initiatives. The continuation of these services will ensure that the System of Care continues to benefit from ZiaLogic's expertise as we implement this system transformation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract is funded with State MHSA funds. There is no requirement for additional County general funds. The expenditures for MHSA are included in the budget for fiscal year 2006-07.

The following Contract for:

**Consultant agreement with Minkoff
& Cline d.b.a. Zialogic Corporation**

is on file with the Clerk of the Board
for BOS meeting:

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