

**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:** November 25, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Cooperative Agreement with Placer County Office of Education to Provide Mandated Mental Health Services for Emotionally Disturbed Children

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the attached FY2008-09 cooperative agreement with Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) to jointly meet the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State/County mental health mandates, with PCOE to reimburse Placer County for providing mandated mental health services in the amount of \$2,785,404. The required match for these services includes \$30,000 in County General Funds. These costs are reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

This is the fourth year of this cooperative agreement between Children's System of Care (CSOC) and PCOE through which CSOC last year provided State and federal mandated mental health services to over 550 youth, referred by their school district for services.

Under this unique agreement, CSOC is able to blend \$2.7 million in PCOE dollars with another \$3.3 million in State and federal allocations, in order to deliver these mandated children's services. Additionally, this partnership effectively prevents out-of-home care, and more expensive Non-Public School services, by assuring timely and effective local service availability at three PCOE-administered schools, and district locations around the County.

District and county school superintendents and the System Management, Advocacy, and Resource Team policy board members, which includes the Director of Health and Human Services, Chief Probation Officer, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, and the County Superintendent of Schools, are fully supportive of this ongoing effort to maximize this shared service.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Expenditures under this contract are included in the final budget for Fiscal Year 2008/09 for the Children's System of Care. Under this agreement, PCOE will provide up to \$2,785,404 in funding. The required local match for these services is \$30,000. These costs are reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

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

