

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Twylla Abrahamson, Interim Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: September 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Application for FY 2015-16

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Authorize Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to execute and submit application for renewal of the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant for FY 2015-16 in the amount of \$811,790 (no net County cost), and accept those funds. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the application and all resulting documentation, reports, agreements and certifications as required.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Community Mental Health Services Block Grant has funded services to children, adults, and older adults with serious mental illness in Placer County for the past 20 years.

The Children's System of Care leverages these resources to deliver counseling, social skills training, and peer support services to over 200 youth who were in, or at risk of entry into foster care from either probation or child welfare services. Many of these youth would have otherwise required expensive psychiatric hospital-based care.

The Adult System of Care, in collaboration with the Alliance for the Mentally Ill Housing, utilizes this funding to provide secure, stable housing to adults and seniors with serious mental illness such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and to serve young adults with identifying early onset psychosis. County staff also provides support services such as psychiatric assessment, referrals and counseling. This support aids clients in improving skills that allow them to live independently and become financially stable, while reducing the need for costly inpatient hospital services. In FY 2014-15 123 adults successfully obtained stable housing and community referrals for additional services.

The County's Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board reviewed and recommended this application for approval at its regular meeting on August 24, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These Federal revenues and their associated expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget. No matching County General Funds are required.

