

**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.,  
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**DATE:** September 9, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Approve a contract with California Forensic Medical Group for Inmate Medical Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve a contract with California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) for Inmate Medical Services for the period from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010, including a base amount of \$3,104,796 per year, plus per diem of \$3.90 for census levels in excess of 540 persons, subject to annual adjustment in accordance with the Consumer Price Index. County General Funds are utilized within this contract and these costs are reflected in the Sheriff and Probation Departments' 2008/09 Final Budgets.

**BACKGROUND:**

Inmate medical services required for the Placer County Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility include primary medical care, dental care, mental health, acute hospital care, and specialty care to a current population of approximately 640 inmates and detainees. Two Placer County Requests for Proposals (RFP) conducted since 1989 both resulted in awarding the inmate medical services program to CFMG as the highest ranking proposal. CFMG currently holds contracts with 23 California counties. During the last two contract cycles, your Board approved negotiations with CFMG based upon its demonstrated ability in running the program, the County's satisfaction with the contractor, and CFMG's success in obtaining and retaining Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) certification for the Jail.

A negotiating team comprised of representatives from Health & Human Services, Sheriff, and Probation was established and approved by the County Executive Office in March 2008 to analyze options and negotiate a new contract with CFMG to be effective October 1, 2008. An RFP for jail medical services conducted by Sonoma County in January 2008 and recently awarded to CFMG validates this contractor's continuing ability to provide competitive rates and comprehensive services. It is agreed that these services are provided more cost-effectively through privatization than as a county-run program. Risk Management concurs that CFMG has reduced the County's liability through its staffing practices, adherence to IMQ medical protocols, and ability to mitigate lawsuits filed against Placer County. Both Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility staff continue to report a very high satisfaction level with this contractor.

When developing the prior CFMG contract, significant contract language updates were approved by County Counsel and Risk Management and an extensive line item budget review was conducted. The current negotiation built upon those changes by incorporating a more stable consumer price index, more detail on medical records retention, and compliance with specific state reporting requirements. No changes were made to staffing levels or the negotiated cost structure. The average daily population is expected to remain fairly stable at a combined total of 640 adult and juvenile inmates and detainees.

This contract includes an option to renew for two additional one-year periods. It is anticipated that a RFP for this service will be conducted at the conclusion of this contract, as the scope of service will be significantly expanding at that time with the completion of the new jail.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The new contract with CFMG for inmate and detainee medical services includes a base rate of \$3.105 million, plus per diem costs of approximately \$136,000 per year. The rate increase in the proposed contract was limited to the most recent annual adjustment in the Medical Care Consumer Price Index of 4.47%. This contract utilizes County General Funds, Public Safety Sales Tax Funds, and State revenues and fees. This funding is reflected in the Sheriff and Probation Departments' 2008/09 Final Budgets.

A copy of the CFMG contract is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

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