



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: April 4, 2017

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Amendment for Psychiatric Services and Lanterman-Petris-Short Conservatorship Court
Testimony.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an amendment to the agreement with Muniyapla T. Rajappa, M.D., for FY2016-17 to increase the amount by \$116,400 for a new contract total of \$165,900 to allow for the provision of outpatient psychiatric services, and Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Conservatorship testimony in addition to on call psychiatric services; and, authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment and subsequent amendments not to exceed 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

The Adult System of Care provides crisis assessment to 3,000 persons per year and subsequent hospitalization to about half of these persons. In addition, Placer County currently has approximately 70 adult residents who have been deemed gravely disabled as a result of their mental illness who are under the care of the Public Guardian office and are receiving specialty mental health services as the result of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act Conservatorship process. LPS Conservatorships are required to be renewed on an annual basis and sometimes include court testimony from a psychiatrist. As a result of the recent resignation of the Chief of Psychiatry, Dr. Rajappa has agreed to provide mental health assessment, opinions, testimony and other services in preparation the Public Guardian LPS Conservatorship proceedings.

Dr. Rajappa has been providing excellent psychiatric on call and inpatient coverage for Placer County since 2009. His expertise in treating individuals with serious mental illness will be beneficial in the LPS Court process.

FISCAL IMPACT

This amendment is funded with \$116,100 in State and Federal funds and \$49,800 in County General Funds that are included in the FY 2016-17 Final Budget.

The agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

