

**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: March 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Non-Emergency Transportation Services Contract with First Responder EMS-Sacramento

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Contract Amendment CN005528-B with First Responder EMS-Sacramento for Non-Emergency Transportation Services, increasing the total amount from \$35,000 to \$68,000 (\$16,500 net County cost) for the contract term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign this amendment and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the newly amended contract amount, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and Scope of Work.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County Health and Human Services is mandated by the State to provide specific mental health services to adults and children. The transportation services are part of the mandated psychiatric crisis response services provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for individuals who meet criteria for the mandated Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150, which is defined as a danger to self, danger to others, or gravely disabled. The Adult System of Care, local law enforcement, and area hospitals have determined that the safest and most cost effective way to transport individuals from Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, and Tahoe Forest Hospital emergency rooms is by ambulance service to ensure safe patient arrival at the Placer County Psychiatric Health Facility or other designated mental health facilities. Placer County is responsible for the cost of those persons without health insurance. However, the early implementation of health care reform (Placer Medicaid Expansion) will offset the County's cost with federal reimbursement of 50 percent of this amount.

During FY 2011-12, a total of 2,403 psychiatric crisis evaluations were conducted in Placer County and 1,327 persons were transported to acute services. During the first six months of FY 2012-13, 1,281 psychiatric crisis evaluations have been completed, resulting in an increase of 100 more individuals being determined to meet criteria for inpatient services and requiring transportation compared to the first six months of FY 2011-12. More significantly, the percentage of persons with no insurance or who are eligible for the Medicaid Expansion Program (MCE) increased from 3 percent to 7 percent from FY 2011-12 to the current fiscal year, resulting in this request to increase the contract amount to \$68,000 for the current term. It is anticipated that this cost will be reduced as increasing numbers of persons become insured through the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and that this will be a one-time increase, persons now covered by MCE will become Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Calendar Year 2014. Medi-Cal provides reimbursement for this service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement is being increased by \$33,000. The County General Fund amount will be \$16,500 and \$16,500 will now be reimbursed with federal matching dollars through the MCE program. This amount is included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Final Budget.

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

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