

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Community Health, Clinics, and Animal Services

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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DATE: March 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Contract with Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to provide HOPWA services in Placer County

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a revenue contract with Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to provide housing assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS through the Housing Opportunities for People Living With AIDS (HOPWA) program from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$52,727, and authorize the Director of Health & Human Services to sign the contract and any subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

For more than a decade, the Placer County Health and Human Services Department (HHS) has received contracted Federal funding from Sacramento County to support the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act. This Act authorizes the use of specialized funds to support the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program. Funding can only be used to support low income families or individuals impacted by the diagnosis of HIV or AIDS with short-term financial assistance to prevent homelessness.

Placer County was notified in December 2011 that, effective January 1, 2012, the responsibility for coordinating the regional dispensing of these funds would be shifting from the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). The revenue contract being considered for approval is a result of this change, and all funding since January 1st will be available retroactively to that date after contract approval. SHRA is a joint powers authority between the City of Sacramento and County of Sacramento. Its primary (over 80%) activities and funding are in the housing arena (and unrelated to redevelopment), so the addition of the coordination of the HOPWA funds fits well within its mission.

In 2011, over forty families in Placer County received some form of financial support from the HOPWA program. While not a mandated service, this program offers an opportunity to prevent homelessness and afford community members a chance to thrive and maintain a sense of residential security that otherwise would not exist. HHS has traditionally made the HOPWA allocation available for the appropriate community partners to utilize. Placer County currently contracts with the Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation (SFAF) to operate this program since SFAF has proven to have the best capacity to represent and serve those in need of this funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This funding amount is unchanged from the prior year. These funds are included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Final Budget, and will be included in the proposed FY 2012-13 budget. No County General Fund match is required.

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

