

**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: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding between Placer County, Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing-Placer, and Turning Point Community Programs

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding from May 1, 2012 through October 31, 2041 between the County of Placer, Advocates for the Mentally Ill Housing-Placer, and Turning Point Community Programs to provide housing for 12 eligible individuals under State Mental Health Services Act guidelines to provide them with the ability to live in an environment of support while developing skills for more independent living in the community, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Research shows that permanent and stable housing are critical elements in helping people with severe mental illness achieve success in their community recovery efforts. The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) allocates specific funding for the establishment of permanent supportive housing for eligible Placer County residents. The specified housing dollars are available for construction, building rehabilitation, and to establish permanent subsidized housing (residents pay 30% of their income for rent). This project, located on Placer Street in Auburn, has been approved by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) for \$975,000 in permanent loan funds and \$436,784 in capitalized operating subsidy. The funding will be distributed to Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing-Placer directly from CalHFA; the County has no fiscal responsibility related to the transaction. This housing will serve persons with severe mental illness who will receive supportive services through the funded MHSA Full Service Partnership program so they can live in the community successfully.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the coordination of the organizations participating in this MHSA housing project, which includes two buildings, each with three two-bedroom units, located within walking distance of downtown Auburn. The organizations include the County of Placer, Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing-Placer, Inc., and Turning Point Community Programs. This MOU, including the specified duration, is required as part of the package necessary for approval of the financing of this project.

The role of each of the organizations is consistent with their current program responsibilities. Within the Adult System of Care, these responsibilities include determining client eligibility, providing supportive services, case management, and coordinating access to community-based services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding will be distributed to Advocates for the Mentally Ill Housing-Placer directly from CalHFA. There is no County fiscal impact resulting from this action.

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

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