TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
SUBJECT: Agreement with Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing, Inc

ACTION REQUESTED
1. Approve a one year agreement with Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing, Inc. (AMIH) in the amount of $1,020,177 (no net County Cost), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign this agreement and subsequent amendments not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total agreement amount, consistent with the current agreement’s subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND
This agreement was initially awarded in the Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 10351 for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) from October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. During the two year previous periods the agreement has been amended to expand similar services through additional grant opportunities.

More recently the County was awarded SAMHSA funds to expand services to mentally ill residents of Placer County, including the Health 360 Program, which offers services designed to improve the health of persons with serious mental illness who are receiving services by coordinating and integrating primary care services into the behavior-health setting.

One of the requirements of the State’s Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) is for counties to transform their mental health systems, in part by empowering and employing consumers. Through the MHSA Workforce Education and Training program, counties are developing career ladders for consumers and the mental health workforce, building an infrastructure that will improve service delivery and empower those who receive services. One such career ladder is the Transitional Employment Program, which includes a selected contractor to partner with the Adult System of Care (ASOC) to hire and supervise consumer employees (people with lived mental health experience) to work in public and private sector settings, including ASOC and the mental health field. With the addition of the most recent SAMHSA grant AMIH additionally is providing Transitional Employees for the Health 360 program. AMIH is has been a contractor for these services since 2008, and have been providing housing services since 2003.

Since 2003 AMIH has been providing housing services in partnership with the ASOC and has developed a continuum of housing for people with mental illness which includes emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing. Housing is a critical component for persons with serious mental illness. This continuum of housing provides different levels of support so that people receive the assistance they need to stay in the community. The development of housing options is a critical part of the county adult mental health system.

FISCAL IMPACT
The full amount of this agreement is funded by federal and state sources and the related revenue and expenditures are included in the FY16-17 Requested Budget. No County general funds are required.

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