



M E M O R A N D U M
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: April 21, 2020

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

SUBJECT: Agreement with Unity Care for Specialty Mental Health Services for Transitional Age Youth

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve contract with Unity Care Group, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$100,250 from April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to provide specialty mental health services to transition age youth in the Transitional Housing Placement Plus Foster Care (THP+FC) and Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to execute the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments up to \$10,025 consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Placer County Children's System of Care (CSOC) is mandated by the State Department of Health Care Services to provide a range of mental health services including psychiatry, counseling and social skills training to children and youth, as well as intensive mental health services, to children from birth to age 21, the latter of which are termed transition age youth (TAY). Some of these TAY live in transitional housing programs funded by State Department of Social Services, including those living in Transitional Housing Placer Plus Foster Care (THP+FC) and Transitional Housing Placer Program (THPP). Often these youth have mental health challenges that are best served within the program on site, similar to services offered at intensive services foster care homes and those that used to be offered in lower level group homes before the conversion to high intensity Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these services in the amount of \$100,250 has been included in the Department's FY 2019-20 Budget and will be included in the FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget, including Federal and State funding of \$86,925 (87%) and a required County General Fund match of \$13,325 (13%).

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

