



**M E M O R A N D U M**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 23, 2020

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

SUBJECT: Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Agreement

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve an agreement with Progress House for substance use treatment services from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,035,748, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$100,000, consistent with agreement's current subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

In August 2015, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received approval for an amendment to the 1115 Bridge to Reform Demonstration Waiver for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services. The Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) is a program designed to organize the delivery of health care services for Medi-Cal eligible individuals with a substance use disorder.

Placer County has provided DHCS, DMC-ODS, services since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. DMC-ODS has since been available as a Medi-Cal benefit for Placer County Medi-Cal beneficiaries who meet the medical necessity criteria. Since its inception, Placer County has used Progress House to provide Drug Medi-Cal SUD Treatment Services. Both offer services as part of Placer's DMC-ODS Plan which is rooted within a continuum of care; modeled after the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for substance use disorder treatment services. The primary goals of these services are to provide eligible beneficiaries access to SUD treatment, to provide a system of care that helps them achieve sustainable recovery, and to reduce substance use within the community. Placer County's Substance Use Continuum of Care provides residential treatment services, outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment services, residential withdrawal management (detoxification) services, case management services, recovery services, physician consultation services, and narcotic treatment program services.

Substance use issues and needs exist across Placer County's health care and social services spectrums (e.g. health care, criminal justice, homelessness, education, child welfare, social services, etc.). Effective and appropriate treatment reduces costs in all of these areas. In addition, the mission and welfare of Placer County residents utilizing this vast array of services is enhanced when partnerships, knowledge about appropriate substance level of care, and appropriate treatment is available.

These contract providers are a vital part of the continuum of care necessary to provide mandated substance use treatment. Those with dependency to opiates, and alcohol and other drugs are screened and assessed to appropriate levels of care using ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) standards. All county, partner, and provider staff are trained to best utilize this evidence-based way of determining level of care. Levels of care available in Placer County through these contracts are: Medication Assisted Treatment, Withdrawal Management (Detox), Residential, Outpatient to adults and adolescents, and transitional housing combined with outpatient treatment. Providers use a minimum of two evidence-based treatment curriculums within their programs. Our contracts demonstrate Placer County's continued emphasis on collaboration with criminal justice, human services, mental health, and children systems of care to leverage available funding and provide the most cost effective and appropriate care to those headed for or already within our systems. Placer County partnerships and community providers work together to achieve recovery.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for these mandated services is comprised of 100% Federal and State sources. Funding in the amount of \$1,517,874 is included in the Department's FY 2020-21 Budget and \$1,517,874 will be included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget.

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