



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 8, 2021

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Contract for Coordination of Homeless Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a contract amendment with the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras to support participation in and use of the Homeless Management Information System, coordination of our Continuum of Care, homeless counts, and other homeless services in an increased amount of \$96,863 for a new contract maximum of \$150,026 and extending the contract one year through June 30, 2022. In addition, authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting amendment and execute subsequent amendments not to exceed \$15,002 consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Placer County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS) and an additional amendment for HMIS services in June 2016. HRCS is Placer and Nevada Counties' Continuum of Care for the homelessness and is responsible for the distribution and performance monitoring of over five million dollars in annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Housing and Community Development. Placer County, the City of Roseville and Nevada County contribute to HRCS for the coordination of HUD funding and corresponding homeless services.

The Health and Human Services Department (HHS) has been working with HRCS for community-wide planning and implementation of the Marbut Study recommendations. Current work has included efforts to strengthen the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in order to increase participation and streamline coordinated case management across local homeless service providers. HHS worked with HRCS on a plan to add new service providers and build the capacity of current providers to make the system more effective for Placer County homeless service providers and the clients they serve. Funding for HMIS puts Placer County on this strategic course by providing HMIS licenses for service providers, and training and staffing support to develop cross-agency case management protocols. We are also better prepared to integrate Coordinated Entry which is a HUD mandate. Coordinated entry is a system that manages both homeless client needs and requests for services which allows service providers to provide the services requested and also allows for programs that have homeless services to pull names of those seeking their service type as well as to search for homeless who meet certain service populations. This will aid the homeless in having equal access.

HRCS is coordinating with the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) with the State's new Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS). HDIS pulls HMIS data from all California Continuums of Care's. The HDIS system allows HCFC to access performance data on HCFC grant programs directly, assuming HCFC-funded projects are assigned standardized funding source codes in local HMIS. By having all HCFC grantees use standard funding source codes, HCFC can identify HCFC-funded projects in HDIS and pull some or most of the data on performance metrics that is required in HCFC annual reports, thereby minimizing the burden on grantees to generate this information.

HRCS is also working through the Placer Consortium on Homelessness and with HHS to develop new collaborative activities and grant applications specific to Placer County. Through the collective impact of the Continuum of Care, Placer County partners can more strategically leverage potential funding through state, local, and federal grant opportunities. The Placer Consortium on Homelessness is an active

subcommittee of HRCS and is continuing the action plans specific to Placer County that build on both the HRCS regional strategic plan, the Marbut Study recommendations, and any future recommendations developed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total compensation is \$150,026 for the coordination of homeless services and the ongoing support of the Homeless Management Information System and related local collaborative efforts. This agreement will be supported through funding in the Department's FY 2021-2022 Budget.

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