



**MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION
County of Placer**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** June 28, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Agreement with Sierra Mental Wellness Group

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an agreement with Sierra Mental Wellness Group to provide Mental Health Crisis Services, Specialty Mental Health Services, and Child Welfare Couples Counseling Services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 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 not to exceed \$20,000 consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Sierra Mental Wellness Group (SMWG) is a long-standing and vital agency partner with Placer County in the areas of outpatient mental health services, emergency mental health crisis services and child welfare services. The mental health emergency psychiatric evaluations, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §5150 are mandated services to allow for individuals with mental illness to receive involuntary inpatient psychiatric services should they be deemed to be a danger to themselves, a danger to others or gravely disabled. During FY 2020-21, Placer County was responsible for providing crisis intervention services to 3,477 children, adult, and older adult residents. SMWG was responsible for conducting 2,265 of those evaluations. FY 2021-22 is on track to exceed the numbers from FY 2020-21, as to date the total served is at 3,413 with 2,221 being served by SMWG. The demand for these crisis services continues to increase.

Services provided through this agreement include all activities related to the provision of mental health crisis responses in Eastern Placer County. SMWG provides mental health crisis response services in Eastern Placer County at Tahoe Forest Hospital, 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, 365 days a year. In the past SMWG has provided crisis services throughout Placer County. With this agreement SMWG will be providing crisis services to the Tahoe area only.

During FY 2020-21, SMWG also provided specialty mental health services to 280 recipients. In Fiscal Year 2021-22, there have been 236 recipients to date. These mental health services are offered to qualified recipients who meet access criteria for specialty mental health

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services. Specialty mental health services help those individuals with mental illness receive the appropriate treatment and referral for their needs and to avoid unnecessary and expensive higher levels of psychiatric care.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this agreement includes \$134,00 (67%) in Federal funding, \$6,000 (3%) in State funding and \$60,000 (30%) in County General Fund and is included in the Department's FY 2022-23 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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