

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Children's System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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DATE: January 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Contract Amendment with Placer County Office of Education for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and Mental Health First Aid Training

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Amendment CN005025-A with Placer County Office of Education to increase funding for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and Mental Health First Aid Training by \$59,300 from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 for a revised total of \$80,300, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the total revised amount.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1995, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has partnered with the Placer County Office of Education to provide training in suicide awareness and intervention skills to teachers, administrators and other school district employees in Placer County. In recent years, due to reductions in historic State funding, these trainings were not available.

With the support of newly available State Mental Health Services Act dollars, Placer County's partnership is in a position to significantly expand and enhance this training for education staff and community partners. With these dollars, the historic training approach will be augmented with an additional early intervention and stigma reduction model. Teachers and on-site staff throughout the County will now be fully equipped to recognize the early warning signs and engage with students and parents in effective and meaningful ways to better prevent suicide in Placer County's youth population.

This approach is fully supported by the Campaign for Community Wellness, a collaborative of community providers, consumers, County schools' staff, as well as the HHS and Probation Departments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This amendment is funded with 100% State funds, and is included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Final Budget. No County General Fund match is required.

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

