

**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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Richard S. Knecht, Director, Children's System of Care

DATE: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Contract for Educational and Cultural Services to Native Youth and Families

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with Native Alliance of the Sierra Nevada Foothills to provide culturally specific educational and family services to Native families from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$188,858, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contract and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the original contract amount, consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and Scope of Work.

BACKGROUND:

The Native Alliance of the Sierra Nevada Foothills has been a partner in building community-based capacity to better meet the child welfare and mental health issues of many children in Placer County since 2005, assisting the Children's System of Care (CSOC) in addressing child welfare and mental health issues in underserved Native communities and reducing disparities and negative outcomes such as school failure and substance abuse.

This contract provides native parenting classes, mentoring, youth classes, and community events including the annual regional Big Time-Pow Wow where thousands of Native American community members and families come together to build community capacity to insulate young people against harmful influences. The partnership between CSOC and the Native Alliance has been acknowledged by federal SAMHSA authorities for its innovative and successful approaches to reach native youth and families. The County's interagency policy board, and the Campaign for Community Wellness, a partnership which includes schools, non-profit partners, law enforcement, and the Probation department, is likewise supportive of this ongoing effort.

In FY2010-11, the Native Alliance provided culturally proficient services to 350 Native American families, and approximately 3,000 people attended the annual Big Time-Pow Wow, now the largest annual event of its kind in the State.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement totaling \$188,858 is included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget. It is funded 100% with State funds therefore no County General Fund match is required.

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

