

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult System of Care**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.,
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: July 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Agreement with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for Emergency Crisis Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an agreement with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for emergency psychiatric crisis services from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$513,468, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments not to exceed \$49,999, consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and Scope of Work.

BACKGROUND:

Sierra Mental Wellness Group (SMWG, formerly Sierra Family Services) is a long standing and important agency partner with Placer County in the areas of outclient mental health and emergency crisis services. This agency provides all after-hours, holiday, and weekend crisis response services for Placer County. This includes on-call services in both western and eastern Placer County, after-hours crisis response at Sutter Roseville Medical Center, mobile response to Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, Tahoe Forest Hospital, and the Placer County Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility. In addition, SMWG stations one person at the Sutter Roseville Medical Center Emergency Department during critical hours in order to be more responsive to the number of persons assessed due to mental health crisis.

In Placer County there are over 2,300 persons assessed due to a mental health crisis each year. Assessments are part of the mandatory services established by the Welfare and Institutions Code 5150 that requires involuntary hospitalization when a person is determined to be a danger to themselves, danger to others, or gravely disabled. Over 1,200 persons in Placer County meet these criteria each year and are hospitalized for their own safety and that of the community. SMWG provides these evaluations as a critical part of the continuum of mental health crisis services in Placer County.

The contract has been reviewed to determine that this is the most cost effective approach to providing this critical mandated service.

The Placer County Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board has reviewed and recommended the approval of this agreement at its last meeting on May 21, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement includes \$290,000 (56%) in Federal/State funding and \$223,468 (44%) in required County General Funds. These expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget.

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

