

**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: Contract with Telecare Corporation to Operate the Placer County Psychiatric Health Facility

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an agreement with Telecare Corporation to operate the Placer County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) to provide acute psychiatric care to patients requiring 24 hour professional assessment, evaluation and treatment from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,865,417, 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:

The PHF is a part of the continuum of mandated mental health services provided to approximately 5,000 adults each year. This acute hospital contract provides essential lifesaving care for over 700 adults with severe mental disorders who are unable to provide for their own basic needs and require 24-hour supervised care (another 500 persons are hospitalized in other public and private hospitals annually). The services are designed to evaluate and stabilize persons who meet criteria for the mandated Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150, which is defined as a danger to self, danger to others, or gravely disabled. This contract is a unique arrangement that utilizes County and provider staff working together to provide this critical component of our system.

Placer County has contracted with the Telecare Corporation since January 2001. In the last Request for Proposals process in 2010, Telecare Corporation was awarded the PHF contract affirming that this corporation was best qualified to provide these services for Placer County residents.

Telecare provided 4,573 days of service in the last year with an average census of 13 and reduced readmission of 40% from the prior year. The Telecare Corporation has been responsive to Placer County system needs and flexible when changes have been necessary in their program. A joint quality assurance and review process is in place to review the program quality and outcomes. In addition, program staff continues to work diligently to discharge persons to lower levels of care in order to provide the least restrictive and clinically appropriate treatment, and to reduce the high cost of locked psychiatric facilities.

This contract was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on May 21, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding for this agreement includes \$1,661,942 (58%) in Federal/State funds and \$1,203,475 (42%) 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.

