

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.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Richard S. Knecht, Director, Children's System of Care

DATE: August 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Block Grant Application to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for FY 2012-13

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve submission of an application for renewal of a Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Services Block Grant for FY 2012-13 in the amount of \$708,154 (no required County General Fund match), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the application and all documentation, reports, and certifications as required.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant has funded services to children, adults, and older adults with serious mental illness in Placer County for the past 18 years. This Federal grant is a joint application used by the Adult and Children's Systems of Care to effectively deliver a variety of services.

The Children's System of Care uses \$584,188 this funding to provide counseling, social skills training, and peer support up to 100 youth who are in, or at risk of entry to foster care.

The Adult System of Care, in collaboration with the Alliance for the Mentally Ill – Housing, utilizes this funding \$123,966 to provide secure stable housing to adults and seniors with serious mental illness such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and other severe conditions. County staff also provide supportive services such as psychiatric assessment, referrals, counseling, and assistance with application for benefits such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This support aids clients in improving skills that allow them to live independently and become financially stable, while reducing the need for costly inpatient hospital services. In FY 2011-12, 67 adults received assistance, of which 45 successfully obtained stable housing.

The County's Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board reviewed and recommended this application for approval at its regular meeting on July 20, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These Federal revenues and their associated expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget. No matching County General Funds are required.

The Block Grant Application is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

