

**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:** October 9, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Non-Emergency Transportation Services Contract with First Responder EMS-Sacramento

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to pay invoices received from First Responder EMS-Sacramento in an amount not to exceed \$10,285 for services rendered during FY 2011-12, and
2. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign Contract Amendment CN005528-A with First Responder EMS-Sacramento, increasing spending authority to FY 2012-13 from \$18,000 to \$35,000, and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the amended contract amount consistent with the agreement's subject matter and Scope of Work.

**BACKGROUND:**

Placer County Health and Human Services is mandated by the State to provide specific mental health services to adults and children. The transportation services are part of the mandated psychiatric crisis response services provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for individuals 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. During FY 2011-12, a total of 2,403 psychiatric crisis evaluations were conducted in Placer County and 1327 persons were transported to acute services. The Adult System of Care, local law enforcement, and area hospitals have determined that the safest and most cost effective way to transport individuals from Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, and Tahoe Forest Hospital's emergency rooms is by ambulance service to ensure safe patient arrival at the Placer County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) or other designated mental health facilities. Placer is responsible for the cost of those persons without health insurance.

Placer County has contracted with First Responder for the last three years. The cost of these services remained within the maximum contract amount of \$18,000 for the past two years. At the end of FY 2011-12, this provider discovered that they had historically failed to invoice for the full amount of reimbursement for which they were entitled to claim. This resulted in 53 late invoices being submitted to the County after the closing date of the FY 2011-12 contract. These invoices exceeded the contract amount by \$22,000. HHS has reviewed these invoices with the provider, County Counsel, and Risk Management. In consideration of the multiple variables, it is recommended that the Board approve payment of 50 percent of these charges for a total of \$10,285. First Responder EMS-Sacramento agrees to accept this payment in compromise.

Based on FY 2011-12 experiences and current projected use, the Board is also requested to increase the FY 2012-13 contract amount from \$18,000 to \$35,000 for anticipated transportation services. The amendment also puts in place requirements that will prevent the submission of late invoices.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total cost for the FY 2011-12 unpaid invoices and the FY 2012-13 amendment is \$39,000, and is funded with 100 percent County General Fund. These expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Final Budget.

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

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