

**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: November 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the 2011 Shelter Plus Care Agreement-New Projects with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive funds in the amount of \$61,260 from December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2017 to provide on-going housing rental subsidies and self-sufficiency services to homeless or at risk of homelessness individuals and their families with a qualifying mental illness, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign this agreement. The portion of the \$61,260 used for rental subsidy will be matched in supportive services that are 100% State funded as a part of the Mental Health Services Act program. (No net County cost.)

BACKGROUND:

The Shelter Plus Care grant helps to reduce homelessness for those with mental illness in Placer County by providing rental subsidies for housing and support services such as employment, mental health services and community resources to assist persons to become self-sufficient. The Adult System of Care (ASOC) has successfully implemented several similar grants since 2002. This service is part of the mandated mental health services targeting persons with severe and chronic mental illness.

This is the fourth Shelter Plus Care grant that ASOC has received. Last year, a similar Shelter Plus Care grant served 36 single adults and five families with children. During the year, 76 adults and children received services. The average length of stay in the program is two years and we have people who have been in the program for more than five years. This year, the most common reason for clients leaving the program was the receipt of another on-going rental subsidy. ASOC continues to improve housing options and services for formerly homeless persons in Placer County through continued grant writing.

This new Shelter Plus Care grant will be specific to the Placer Street MHSA Housing Project which was approved by your Board on June 19, 2012. It will provide a subsidy for two people sharing one of the units located at the Placer Street program location. The supportive services will be provided by case managers from the County and Turning Point Community Programs.

Persons who are both homeless and mentally ill have a significant impact on local resources. Their unstable situation causes them to overuse emergency room services and inpatient psychiatric services, as well as impacting the criminal justice system. The Shelter Plus Care programs are able to significantly reduce this impact in Placer County. Since 2002, homelessness in Placer County has gone up 56 percent; however, for those who have a mental illness it has gone down by 15 percent.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant funds used for rental subsidies must be matched in supportive services. The required match for this contract will come from supportive services funded through the State Mental Health Services Act. No additional staffing is required, as services are provided by current County staff and/or community-based organizations. No County General Fund match is required. Funding of \$12,252 is included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Final Budget, with the remainder to be budgeted in the Department's Requested Budgets for the next four fiscal years.

A copy of the Grant Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

