

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administrative Services**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Bob Dunstan, Director of Administrative Services

DATE: June 13, 2006

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Trust Fund Disbursements through Placer Women's Center, Inc.,
DBA Peace for Families and Tahoe Women's Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve contracts for domestic violence counseling, shelter, and support services with Placer Women's Center, Inc., DBA Peace for Families in the amount of \$53,900 and Tahoe Women's Services in the amount of \$23,100 for Fiscal Year 2006/07, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contracts and any subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

California Government Code requires the County Clerk to collect a \$23 fee at the time of issuance of a marriage license to be deposited into a Domestic Violence Trust Fund for distribution to eligible domestic violence programs within the county. These funds must be used solely to provide basic domestic violence prevention and treatment services as defined in the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

Within Placer County, two organizations are currently eligible to receive this funding. Tahoe Women's Services provides services within the Tahoe area, while PEACE for Families serves the remainder of the County. Services eligible to be provided with this funding include: 24 hour, 7 days per week shelter services; 24-hour, 7 days per week crisis hotline; temporary housing and food facilities; psychological support and peer counseling; referrals to community services and appropriate follow-up; emergency transportation to the shelter, including law enforcement assistance if needed; and arrangements for school age children to continue their education while staying at the shelter. Of the \$23 fee, \$4 is to be used, to the extent feasible, to develop or expand domestic violence centers to target underserved areas and populations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As required by State Codes, these fees are collected during the issuance of marriage licenses and must be passed through to eligible domestic violence programs within the County. No County General Fund participation is required.

The following agreements for:

**Domestic Violence Counseling,
Shelter, and Support Services:**

**PEACE for Families
Tahoe Women's Services**

is on file with the Clerk of the Board
for BOS meeting:

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