

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
C.B. Bautista, Director, Children's System of Care

DATE: November 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Stuart Foundation Grant Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Grant Agreement with Stuart Foundation for FY 2006-07 awarding Placer County Health and Human Services \$25,000 for the expansion of Family to Family (F2F), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

On September 29, 2006, the Children's System of Care (CSOC) received notification that the Board of Directors of the Stuart Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to Placer County in support of the expansion of the Family to Family (F2F) program.

F2F is an research based practice, designed in 1992 by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, grounded in the belief that reforms in family foster care must be based upon a family centered approach that is 1) responsive to the individualized needs of the children and their families, 2) rooted in the child's community or neighborhood, 3) sensitive to cultural differences and, 4) able to serve many of the children currently in group homes and institutional placements. The primary focus of F2F is to keep children with their families. However, if the child needs to be removed from the family, the goal is to keep the family actively involved in the child's life by placing the child in their community or neighborhood and insuring the family's continued involvement in the decisions surrounding the child's placement and school participation.

In the FY06-07 implementation of F2F, CSOC will focus on two main areas:

- Increasing the use of family-focused meetings for reunifications, placement changes and initial detentions.
- Recruiting resource families to provide neighborhood foster care for children requiring out-of-home placement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures funded by the \$25,000 Stuart Foundation grant will be included in the mid-year budget revision for the Children's System of Care. No County general funds are required.

The following Grant Agreement for:

Stuart Foundation

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

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