

**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: Contracts with United Advocates for Children of California to provide support and advocacy services to parents participating in the Children's System of Care

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve the contract with United Advocates for Children of California (UACC) providing California Department of Mental Health (DMH) pass-through funding to provide Statewide public policy and parent-to-parent education and support in the amount of \$160,000 from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007,
2. Approve an amendment to Contract CN012199 with UACC, adding Parent Involvement Program (PIP) services to provide parent support and advocacy services to parents participating in the Children's System of Care from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$163,155, for a revised total contract amount of \$992,701, and
3. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the DMH agreement, the PIP amendment, and subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2005, the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) requested that Placer County become the fiscal conduit for a \$160,000 contract with UACC to provide statewide public policy and parent-to-parent education and support. This contract is a pass-through and continuation of a program that was previously funded by DMH through Stanislaus County. The goals of the UACC Public Policy Education Program for FY 06/07 are to: 1) increase family members and transition age youth's understanding of and potential to influence public policy, legislation and appropriations so that the children's mental health system reflects the values of children and their families, and 2) decrease discrimination and stigma associated with children's mental health by assisting parents and caregivers with access to information and resources.

The PIP is designed to provide the necessary support, mentoring, and advocacy to families participating in the Children's System of Care (CSOC) through the employment of parents who, themselves, have been recipients of services. Likewise, the Parent Involvement Program provides important feedback to the System on family perceptions, needs and concerns, which are utilized as appropriate in continuous quality improvement and System evaluation and design. This program was awarded to UACC through an RFP process beginning October 1, 2003. In January 2006, UACC was also granted funding under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Children's Mental Health Initiative. Instead of developing yet another contract with UACC for the PIP services, CSOC has chosen to amend the existing SAMHSA contract to add this second scope of services to streamline the oversight and administration of these complementary programs.

UACC has had a recent change in management as the CEO position had been vacant for the last several months. During this time, negotiations were temporarily suspended pending the selection of a new CEO. The recent hire of a new CEO has allowed CSOC to move forward with these agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The DMH pass-through contract is funded by a \$160,000 allocation of State general funds from the California Department of Mental Health. No County funding will be needed for this contract.

Funding for the Parent Involvement Program services comes entirely from SAMHSA block grant revenues (\$54,455) and State foster care revenues (\$108,700). No County general funds are required.

The following Agreement for:

**United Advocates for
Children of CA. (UACC), and
Amendment with UACC,
Parent Involvement Program
(PIP)**

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

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