

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: July 11, 2006
SUBJECT: Contract for Psychiatric Services with Beverly Abramowitz, M.D.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the FY 2006-07 agreement to provide psychiatric services in the Children's Systems of Care (CSOC) with Beverly Abramowitz, M.D. in the amount of \$109,653 (total compensation \$155,674), and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign this agreement.

BACKGROUND:

There are three children's psychiatric contracts before the Board this date. Each contract represents a continuation of service from prior years at the same levels of coverage. Children's psychiatrists continue to be in great demand in the Sacramento region, a demand that has resulted in a shortage of psychiatrists for the region.

Dr. Abramowitz has been with CSOC since 2001. She is fluent in Spanish and continues to provide high quality psychiatric services for our children. The contract renewal will continue her employment at 20 hours of service per week. Dr. Abramowitz provides coverage at the CSOC Conroy location.

Each year, CSOC physicians provide intensive psychiatric and medication support to over 200 children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract total including benefits, expense and tuition reimbursements, and retention bonus is \$155,674.

Funding for these services is a combination of Medi-Cal, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT), education reimbursement, and local (County Mental Health Realignment and/or General) funds, dependent upon the eligibility of the client served.

The level of funding from each of these sources is estimated to include 38% Medi-Cal, 10% State Mental Health, 19% Federal and State Education, and 33% County Mental Health Realignment/General Fund.

The following Agreements for:

Beverly Abramowitz, MD
Ellen Aoki, MD
Mai Nguyen, MD

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for BOS meeting:

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