

**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, Adult System of Care

DATE: September 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Drug Court Partnership grant for FY06/07

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the grant with the State of California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Drug Court Partnership program, in the amount of \$168,360 for FY06/07 and authorize Maureen Bauman to sign the grant and subsequent amendments in her capacity as County Alcohol and Drug Administrator.

BACKGROUND:

The Drug Court Partnership (DCP) Act of 1998 created the DCP program. This program has granted State General Funds to counties each year beginning in May 1999. The funds are in support of adult drug courts in 33 counties. Drug court programs are designed to serve various populations, including adult, juvenile, repeat drug offenders, multiple offenders, and drug probation violators. Generally, drug court participants have abused alcohol and other drugs for ten years or more and received little or no substance abuse treatment.

This is the 6th year of the grant funding with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for the Drug Court Partnership program. The Placer County Adult Drug Court program participants are convicted felons who are given access to substance abuse treatment to minimize incarceration by linking supervision and treatment with on-going judicial oversight and team management. Our recovery team (a combination of Prop 36 and Drug Court staff) holds steering committee meetings quarterly and community forums regularly. The Recovery Court Alumni group provides clients with relapse prevention support for those who need it. A recent outcome study of the Drug Court graduates found (after two years post graduation) a 65.5% reduction in felony crimes.

Substance abuse disorders can have far reaching consequences for families and the community. The benefits of substance abuse treatment are evident in savings to our local jails, health care facilities, children's services, law enforcement, and other costs associated with substance abuse and addiction. During FY05-06, the Placer Recovery Programs (Drug Court and Proposition 36) served 326 participants. Of those persons served, 82% had obtained employment at the time of discharge from the program. Also, Placer Recovery Programs have saved 20,440 jail bed days. This represents a considerable cost savings for Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant includes a funding increase of \$35,000 over the previous year. A required 20% County match (\$28,060) is included in the total grant amount. The match funds are derived from the Adult System of Care allocation of County penalties and fines for violations and convictions of alcohol/drug related offenses. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

The following Grant for:

**State of California Department of
Alcohol & Drug Programs, Drug
Court Partnership (DCP) Program**

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

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