

**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.  
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Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

**DATE:** March 6, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with California Department of Mental Health (DMH) for State Hospital Bed Usage for FY 2006/07

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the agreement with the State of California, Department of Mental Health (DMH), for County use of State hospital beds during FY 2006/07 in the amount of \$447,689, and authorize the Chairman to sign subsequent amendments.

**BACKGROUND:**

Placer County is responsible for establishing community mental health services to cover the entire area of the County pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4330. As a part of this service, Placer County is committed to providing an integrated and coordinated range of services appropriate to the needs of each client. The State hospital is one provider in this range of services.

The Placer County Systems of Care effectively manages critical mental health services by establishing targeted populations, reviewing lengths of treatment and identifying persons with the most critical need to serve. Most of these individuals reside in their communities, except for a small number who are so severely disabled that they require long-term treatment and care at State hospitals.

Initial planning assumptions for the current fiscal year are for four adult beds and no youth beds between July and October (identical to the prior year), reducing to three adult beds in November, based on actual usage during the previous several months. This reduction of bed usage is a direct result of our efforts to effectively manage this costly service. The 2006/07 agreement reflects initial estimates for bed usage in State hospitals for Placer County patients, for a total annual cost of \$447,689. This is a decrease of \$75,371 over last year's expenditure for four beds (\$523,060) and \$235,551 over the FY04/05 expenditure for five beds (\$683,240), a reduction of 34% in this three-year period. Current bed occupancies include one Murphy conservatee (an adult who is part of the criminal justice system and has not been brought to competency after three years), and two County residents (adults) needing this level of care. Placer County is committed to exhausting all other possible levels of service prior to the recommendation for a State hospital placement, the most costly care option.

This contract was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on February 26th.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total amount of this contract is budgeted in the FY 06/07 Adult System of Care budget with a combination of Realignment and County General Funds.

The following Contract for:

**CA Depart. of Mental Health -  
County Use of State Hospital  
Beds**

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

**March 6, 2007**