MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Community Health

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Michael P. Mulligan, M.D., M.B.A., Director of Community Health

DATE: March 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Amendment to Fund Year 5 of the Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an amendment to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant, Agreement Number SDF03-10, providing funding for Year 5 of the grant in the amount of $51,733, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2003, Placer County was awarded a three-year grant to implement the Caring School and Community Program, promoting safe and drug free schools at four school sites by December 31, 2005. This grant was extended until December 31, 2007. While the grant was awarded for a total five year period, funding was not included for the full term. Consequently, amendments to fund the activities have been issued annually by ADP.

Working with the staff at Sheridan Elementary School, Foresthill Middle School, Foresthill Elementary School, and with the Child Abuse Prevention Council on behalf of Rock Creek School, Community Health staff continue to increase the protective factors of caring school climate, parent involvement in school, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies, positive identity, and academic achievement during this last year of the agreement. These factors have a long-term impact in decreasing youth alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, violence and dropout rates. Activities include teacher training, classroom planning and decision making meetings, parent education and support, and other activities integrated into the school day that are solution focused and increase school connectedness. The Caring School Community Program has been implemented successfully in neighboring counties with the full support of teachers who view it as a support rather than an "add-on" activity. Several measures are used to track outcomes including the California State Office of Education Healthy Kids Survey Resiliency Modules, attendance records, grade records, test scores, school incidents and other school and community indicators.

This program is integrated into ongoing activities of the Prevention Team in Community Health. No additional positions are required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These activities are fully funded through the State grant. No County General Fund contribution is required.

The following Contract for:

Amendment - CA. Depart. of Alcohol & Drug Programs Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant

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

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