

**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 of Adult System of Care

DATE: April 17, 2007

SUBJECT: Amendment to Contract for Housing Partnership for Mentally Ill Consumers

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve amendment to Contract Number CN005369 with Advocates for the Mentally Ill Housing, Inc. (AMIH) who provide housing and relocation assistance to mentally ill individuals who might otherwise be homeless, to include participation in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Full-Service Partnership through June 30, 2007, increasing total compensation by \$20,900 for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$96,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In November of 2000 the Adult System of Care (ASOC) received a grant from the State Department of Mental Health to provide outreach and services to persons who are mentally ill and homeless in Placer County. Funding for this grant came from AB 2034, enacted in 2000, which targeted the homeless mentally ill population, which we call our Placer Hearts program. Placer receives nearly \$800,000 yearly to assist approximately 75 persons in this program. We focus on those who are most in need, specifically those who have been homeless for the previous thirty days, have at least six months of homelessness in the last year, and have a severe and persistent mental illness. In addition to intensive outreach and mental health services, the program includes partnerships with community agencies to assist with housing and employment services.

One component of this program is the provision of housing assistance to mentally ill individuals who may otherwise be homeless, including lease agreements with property owners, assistance with housing costs, relocation assistance, and oversight of housing issues. The housing collaboration program with AMIH has continued to provide ASOC consumers with the ability to live in an environment of support while developing skills for more independent living in the community. In addition to providing housing and support services, this program has shown a decrease in both psychiatric hospitalizations and jail incarcerations for the population served.

In accordance with Placer's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan, individuals who qualify for assistance under MHSA will be added to this program as a result of this amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This amendment is fully funded with budgeted State MHSA funds. There is no County general fund contribution required.

The following Contract for:

**Advocates for the Mentally
Ill Housing, Inc. (AMIH)**

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

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