

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Human Services**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Bob Dunstan, Director, Human Services Division

DATE: May 22, 2007

SUBJECT: Contracts with Placer County Office of Education for Child Care Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the following actions regarding contracts with Placer County Office of Education for Child Care Services for clients who participate in work and training activities:

1. Approve an amendment to FY 2006/07 Contract #CN012227, increasing funding by \$400,000 for a new revised total not to exceed \$2,300,000,
2. Approve a contract for FY 2007/08 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, and
3. Authorize the Chairman to sign the resulting documents and subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

For nineteen years, the County of Placer has contracted with Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) to coordinate childcare services for clients who are participating in work and training activities. Since the implementation of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program in 1998, a "welfare-to-work" program, PCOE has assumed the responsibility for making direct childcare provider payments, a task previously handled by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The Childcare funding continuum for CalWORKs clients is comprised of three stages. Stage One funds are allocated to county welfare agencies and Stages Two and Three are allocated to the County Office of Education. The PCOE agreement promotes a seamless childcare delivery system for CalWORKs participants and for those who have gone off aid due to employment. Included in the Scope of Work are expectations that PCOE will continue to co-locate at selected CalWORKs sites. With these funds and under this agreement, an average of 325 children per month will receive childcare services for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

The requested amendment is primarily the result of an unanticipated increase in the Regional Market Rate that governs what we spend on childcare. This adjustment has been factored in to the agreement for the subsequent year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

HHS has formally requested \$150,000 in additional funds from the California Department of Social Services CalWORKs reserve for Child Care to fund the requested amendment. The remaining \$250,000 will be paid from existing CalWORKs funds. The agreement for FY2007/08 is funded exclusively by the California Department of Social Services CalWORKs program, thus there is no cost to the County General Fund.

The following Amendment and Contract
for:

Placer County Office of Education - Child Care Services

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

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