

**MEMORANDUM  
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Children's 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  
Richard S. Knecht, M.S., Director of Children's System of Care

**DATE:** July 10, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with United Advocates for Children and Families for 100% federally funded advocacy and family support services.

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the agreement with the United Advocates for Children and Families to provide federally mandated and funded advocacy and family support services for FY2007-08 in the amount of \$1,114,361, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and subsequent amendments.

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 29, 2005, the Board of Supervisors accepted the award of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Children's Mental Health Initiative. The goals for this grant include, among others, the increased family, and youth involvement in planning and delivering services that are meaningful and effective.

Under this agreement, the United Advocates for Children and Families provides support, mentoring, and advocacy services to families and youth participating in the Children's System of Care through the employment of parents and youth who, themselves, have been recipients of service and are now self sufficient and able to help others. Family Advocacy in Social Services is an effective practice which improves client participation, shortens court proceedings, provides improved treatment completion rates, and greatly assists families and individuals to become self sufficient.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This contract is included in the Adult and Children's Systems of Care FY2007-08 proposed budgets. The funding consists of \$683,971 of federal dollars, \$430,380 in state dollars. No County General Fund contribution is required.

The following Contract for:

**United Advocates for  
Children and Families**

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

**July 10, 2007**