

**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:** January 8, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Accept the award of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant from the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs in the amount of \$1,076,533 for the period from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2012, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign amendments, documentation, reports and certifications as required.

**BACKGROUND:**

In June 2007, the County completed a county-wide, comprehensive assessment of alcohol and drug use among youth. Among other outcomes, it showed that Placer has a higher than average rate of binge drinking among some teen groups, and higher than average rates for vehicle operation following alcohol use. More than 2,000 teens have been expelled or suspended from county schools due to drug use or violent behavior. In spite of the high rate of alcohol and drug use, only 1% reported getting services to help stop drinking or using drugs.

In our ongoing attempts to find alternative funding mechanisms to assist in delivery of needed services, CSOC applied for and was awarded this five-year grant in the amount of \$1,076,533 to deliver alcohol and drug services to youth who exhibit binge drinking and high rates of drug use. These services will result in increased youth resiliency and social skills, improved family dynamics, and better prevention of drug using behavior for Placer teens. Existing similar services in Placer help to reduce school drop out rates and lessen juvenile criminal behavior.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Expenditures for this grant will be \$230,393 for FY2007-08, and the balance of the funding will be included in subsequent fiscal years' requested budgets for the Children's System of Care. This grant does not require the use of additional County general funds. These funds will cover program costs and previously unsupported costs in the current budget for 2.0 FTE staff providing direct services and administrative support.

The following agreement for:

## **Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities Grant**

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

**January 8, 2008**