

**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, Children's System of Care

**DATE:** February 26, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Amendments to Provide After-Hours Standby Physician Coverage

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve amendments to increase Contract No. CN005319 with Dr. Beverly Abramowitz by \$4,200, changing total employee compensation from \$136,625 to \$140,825, and to decrease Contract No. CN005329 with Dr. Mai Nguyen by \$3,000, changing total employee compensation from \$124,946 to \$121,946 to provide 32 weeks of standby physician coverage, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign these amendments.

**BACKGROUND**

Children's System of Care is committed to cost savings and efficiencies in the delivery of psychiatric services to Placer children. With the recent retirement of Dr. Gerald Brody, the responsibility for on-call and after hours coverage will now be shared by the remaining medical staff. Under these amendments, Dr. Nguyen will provide 18 weeks and Dr. Abramowitz will provide 14 weeks of after-hours standby coverage for a total of 32 weeks.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The amended total employee compensation amounts of \$140,825 for Dr. Abramowitz and \$121,946 for Dr. Nguyen have been properly budgeted in the FY2007-08 Children's System of Care budget. There are no fiscal impacts at work under these amendments, as the cost of this service is included in current year budget expenditures. No additional General Fund is required.

The following Amendments for:

**Contract Employees:**

**Dr. Beverly Abramowitz**

**Dr. Mai Nguyen**

is on file with Clerk of the Board

for BOS meeting:

**February 26, 2008**