

**MEMORANDUM  
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Administrative 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 of Administrative Services for HHS

**DATE:** June 10, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Domestic Violence Trust Fund Disbursements through PEACE for Families and Tahoe Women's Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve agreements with PEACE for Families in the amount of \$42,145 and Tahoe Women's Services in the amount of \$18,062 to provide domestic violence counseling, shelter, and support services from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contracts and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the original contract amount.

**BACKGROUND:**

California Government Code requires the County Clerk to collect a \$23 fee at the time of issuance of a marriage license to be deposited into a Domestic Violence Trust Fund for distribution to eligible domestic violence programs within the county. These funds must be used solely to provide basic domestic violence prevention and treatment services as defined in the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

Within Placer County, two organizations are currently eligible to receive this funding. Tahoe Women's Services provides services within the Tahoe area, while PEACE for Families serves the remainder of the County. Services eligible to be provided with this funding include: 24-hour, 7-days-per-week shelter services; 24-hour, 7-days-per-week crisis hotline; temporary housing and food facilities; psychological support and peer counseling; referrals to community services and appropriate follow-up; emergency transportation to the shelter, including law enforcement assistance if needed; and arrangements for school-age children to continue their education while staying at the shelter. Of the \$23 fee, \$4 is to be used, to the extent feasible, to develop or expand domestic violence centers to target underserved areas and populations.

Both organizations provide effective and necessary domestic violence prevention and treatment. The population benefiting from these critical services includes clients served by Health and Human Services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Domestic Violence Trust Fund disbursements for FY2008/09 will total \$60,207, an increase of \$14,532 (31.8%) over the prior year, and are comprised of fees collected on marriage licenses issued in Placer County. As required by State Codes, these fees must be passed through to eligible domestic violence programs within the County. Based on historical distribution, 70% of the fund is directed to PEACE for Families, and 30% is directed to Tahoe Women's Services. No County General Fund is required.

The following documents:

**Contracts for:**

- 1. Peace for Families**
- 2. Tahoe Women's Services**

are on file with Clerk of the Board

for BOS meeting:

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