

**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: June 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Partnership with Lighthouse Counseling and Family Resource Center to Provide Early Intervention Child Welfare Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with Lighthouse Counseling and Family Resource Center to provide early intervention and abuse prevention services for the term of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$30,000 each fiscal year for a total of \$60,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the total contract amount. There are no County General Funds within this contract and these costs are reflected in the department's 2008/09 Proposed Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Lighthouse Counseling and Family Resources Center is a significant partner with Placer County Children's System of Care (CSOC) in providing intervention and prevention services for children and youth who are potential victims of abuse or neglect in Placer County.

This contract provides for the delivery of a host of family support, parenting education, and case management services, serving nearly 200 families last year, and allowing County child welfare professionals to focus on direct investigations of more severe cases. These child welfare best practices are one of the significant contributing factors to reduced numbers of foster and adoptive children in placement in Placer County since 2004.

These services for Lincoln area residents were previously provided under a contract with the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Placer County, which acted as fiscal intermediary until such time as the Lighthouse could obtain its non-profit status. Service levels and costs for these services remain the same as last year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Of the \$60,000 contract total, \$30,000 is included in the Children's System of Care proposed budget for fiscal year 2008/09. This contract is funded by state Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Program revenues and no County General Fund contribution is required.

The following document:

Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center

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

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