

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult System of Care**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: September 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the renewal grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive funds for Permanent Supportive Housing in the amount of \$293,282 for a 12-month term, beginning December 1, 2008. The funding provides on-going housing rental subsidies and self-sufficiency services to homeless mentally ill and disabled individuals and their families. The required match for these services includes \$28,936 in County General Funds. These costs are reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Permanent Supportive Housing grant helps to reduce homelessness for those with mental illness in Placer County by providing rental subsidies for housing and support services such as employment and community resources to assist persons to become self-sufficient. The Adult System of Care (ASOC) has successfully implemented this grant for five years.

Currently there are 27 single adults and two adults with families enrolled in the program. This is the sixth year that Placer County has received this particular grant; ASOC continues to improve housing options and services for formerly homeless persons in Placer County.

The program is celebrating significant successes with 87% of participants remaining in the program more than seven months. During the last grant year, 67% had obtained gainful employment which provided them means to remain in permanent housing. In addition, 93% of program participants received social services for which they were eligible but for which they had previously been unsuccessful at obtaining.

The existing staff (1.3 FTE, including a practitioner, counselor, clerical, and supervisor) will continue to be assigned to this program. A copy of the 2007 Supportive Housing Program Renewal Grant Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

This grant was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on August 25th.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This renewal grant provides the same level of funding as the previous fiscal year. The required County match of \$28,936 is a General Fund contribution, and is included in the department's 2008/09 Final Budget. The match requirement represents the cost of mental health services and administrative support for the program.

A copy of the Renewal Grant Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

