

**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.  
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services  
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

**DATE:** October 21, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Contract Employee Agreement with Donna L. Schindler, M.D. for Psychiatric Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve a contract employee agreement with Donna L. Schindler, M.D. for the provision of psychiatric services from October 16, 2008 through October 15, 2009 (half-time) for a total compensation package of \$173,247, including direct compensation of \$146,143 and mandatory payroll costs of \$27,104, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the original contract amount. The General Fund contribution for this contract is \$51,974. These costs are reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

Placer County will provide 1,600 persons with outclient mental health services in the current fiscal year. This contract continues the work of one part-time staff psychiatrist, Donna Schindler, who works in both the Auburn and Roseville mental health clinics and will see 300 of these persons. This position is critical in order to provide specialty psychiatric services to persons with chronic and persistent mental illness. The persons served are those with the most disabling mental health conditions such as bipolar disorder, severe depression, and schizophrenia.

This contract rate has remained the same (with no cost of living increase) since 2006.

Personnel, County Counsel, and CEO's Office have reviewed this contract, and all are fully supportive of this approach.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total compensation package for these services includes direct employee compensation plus mandated payroll costs totaling \$173,247. Direct compensation totals \$146,143 and includes salary, benefits, expense reimbursements, and retention bonuses. Mandated payroll costs are projected at \$27,104. The funding for this agreement is comprised of \$121,273 in federal/state revenue, and \$51,974 in County General Funds. These costs are included in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

A copy of this contract is on file with Clerk of the Board for your review.

