

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, Director Children's System of Care

DATE: January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Approve Submission of the Block Grant Application to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for FY2008/09.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve submission of this federal grant application for \$728,686 in 2008-2009 funding, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign all documentation, reports, and certifications as required. This application will renew ongoing funding for counseling and therapy to children and adults with severe mental illnesses. Receipt of this grant will not involve any County General Fund contribution, and is reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

This federal grant has effectively funded services in Placer County to children and adults with serious mental illness for the past 15 years. These dollars support a variety of services in the Systems of Care including eligibility determination, referral services, counseling, therapy, and housing support, to more than 200 families.

This application was reviewed and recommended for approval by the County's Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on December 15, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total expenditures under this allocation are \$728,686 for children's and adult services. There is no County General Fund match required to receive these federal funds.

A copy of the Block Grant Application is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

