

**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:** April 21, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Contract with Muniyapla T. Rajappa, M.D for Psychiatric Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve a contract with Muniyapla T. Rajappa, M.D. for the provision of after-hours psychiatric services from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 (weekend and after-hours services for one week per month) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$30,000, 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 \$9,000. These costs are reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget and 2009/10 Proposed Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Adult System of Care provides crisis assessment to 2,000 persons per year and subsequent hospitalization to about half of these persons. The persons served in our crisis service are those who are potentially a danger to themselves, a danger to others, or gravely disabled due to a mental illness. Psychiatrists are consulted by after-hours staff to make final determinations of dispositions in our work with these persons. This contract authorizes an independent psychiatrist to work one week each month to provide after-hours consultation and admission to in-patient hospitalization for approximately 460 persons. These services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code and are critical to the management of the County's mental health system, which provides specialty psychiatric services to persons with acute symptoms.

Dr. Rajappa is a new contractor, selected for his experience with after-hours psychiatric consultations. Dr. Rajappa is a seasoned practitioner who is available to provide critical after-hours, on-call service for 12 weeks per year. He will provide over 1,500 hours of clinical after-hours services to the Adult System of Care. His extensive experience has provided excellent preparation for his role in crisis evaluation. Although this contract is written with a start date of April 1, 2009, Dr. Rajappa will not begin work until this contract is approved by your Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this agreement includes \$21,000 in federal/state revenue and \$9,000 in County General Funds. These costs are included in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget, as well as the 2009/2010 Proposed Budget.

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

