

**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, Children's System of Care

**DATE:** June 9, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Contract with FamiliesFirst dba EMQ FamiliesFirst, Inc. to provide Mental Health Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve an agreement with FamiliesFirst, Inc., dba EMQ FamiliesFirst to provide short-term, intensive behavior stabilization and/or support services from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$636,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to \$49,999. The FY 2009-10 amount of \$318,000 represents a 32% increase from the prior year as a result of additional State funds being provided for these services, of which \$59,000 is required County General Fund match. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Children's System of Care and its partners deliver a combination of intensive in-home counseling, crisis stabilization, and mental health services to children and families in Placer County. This time-limited, early intervention treatment, including 24-hour care as necessary, prevents these youth from entering the Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, inpatient hospital, or other institutional settings, which are often difficult to access and, on average, more than five times as costly.

Under this agreement, up to 50 children each year will receive this effective and cost-saving service, and avoid out-of-home care.

This contract was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on May 18, 2009.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total expenditures of \$318,000 for the first year of this agreement have been included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget, and represent a \$77,000 (32 percent) increase from the prior FY 2008-09 contract amount as a result of additional State funds provided for these services. These FY 2009-10 costs are funded by approximately \$259,000 in Federal and State funds and \$59,000 in required County General Fund match.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

