

**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: July 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Contract for Mental Health Services Transportation

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with First Responder EMS-Sacramento, Inc. for the provision of non-emergency ambulance services throughout Placer County locations from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total amount. Funding for these services includes \$10,000 in State funds and \$10,000 in County General Fund. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County Health and Human Services is mandated by the State to provide specific mental health services to adults and children. These comprehensive psychiatric services include crisis, hospital, residential, and outclient services which served 2,875 individuals in FY 2007-08. The crisis services include evaluation of any person in Placer County who is considered a danger to themselves or others or gravely disabled. In addition, if a person is determined to need hospitalization after such an evaluation, it is the County's responsibility to transport that person to the appropriate service.

Placer County is projected to assess approximately 2,000 persons in 2009 to determine if they need hospitalization, of which approximately 1,000 will be hospitalized. Placer County triages all persons with insurance coverage to the appropriate private provider for this care. This contract will provide comprehensive acute psychiatric transportation for residents of Placer County.

First Responder has provided outstanding ambulance service in Placer County for many years. This contractor is responsible for billing and collecting from all third party revenue sources including private insurance, co-payments and Medi-Cal. The contractor will then bill Placer County at an agreed-upon rate for all non-covered ambulance transportation. This contract is structured to reimburse when appropriately invoiced, so the actual County cost could be less.

This contract was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on June 22, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for these services includes \$10,000 in State funds and \$10,000 in County General Fund. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

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

