

**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 of Children's System of Care

**DATE:** July 21, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Contract with Sierra Family Services for Services to the Native American Community

---

---

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Request the Board take the following actions:

- a. Approve a contract with Sierra Family Services, Inc. to provide Federally-required Native American community outreach services and sponsor community events in the Native American Community from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$344,627, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount; and
- b. Approve a Budget Revision in the amount of \$247,627.

These services are fully funded with Federal and State funds. No County General Funds are required. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

This contract will fund a Federally-required Native Community Program Coordinator to develop culturally appropriate services for Native American youth and families, provide cultural competency training and consultation, and serve as a native peoples cultural liaison to CSOC. Additionally, this contract will provide for the delivery of culturally appropriate counseling, parenting education, and therapy services to more than 150 persons.

A community coalition comprised of leaders in education, probation, non-profit organizations, and other community partners has identified the above strategy as the most appropriate use of these dollars. Sierra Family Services is uniquely positioned, both geographically and philosophically, to assist the Native American community to develop and implement successful multi-cultural best practices. Culturally appropriate services have been documented to reduce service delays and increase effective family participation, thus preventing escalation of dysfunctional youth and family behavior patterns.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

These expenditures are fully funded by approximately \$73,000 in Federal allocations and \$272,000 in State dollars. No County General Funds are required. Expenditures totaling \$97,000 have been included in Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget. The remaining expenditures (approximately \$248,000) are included in the attached Budget Revision.

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

