

**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 February 23, 2010

SUBJECT Block Grant Application to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for FY 2009-10

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve submission of an application for renewal of the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Services Block Grant for FY 2009-10 in the amount of \$688,080, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the application and all documentation, reports, and certifications as required

No matching County General Funds are required

BACKGROUND

The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant has funded services to children, adults, and older adults with serious mental illness in Placer County for the past 15 years. This Federal grant is a joint application used by the Adult and Children's Systems of Care to effectively deliver a variety of services.

The Children's System of Care uses this funding to provide counseling, social skills training, and peer support to 200 youth who are in, or at risk of entry to foster care.

The Adult System of Care, in collaboration with the Alliance for the Mentally Ill – Housing, utilizes this funding to provide secure stable housing to adults and seniors with serious mental illness such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and other severe conditions. County staff also provide supportive services such as psychiatric assessment, referrals, counseling, and assistance with application for benefits such as SSI. This support aids clients in improving skills that allow them to live independently and become financially stable, while reducing the need for costly inpatient hospital services. In FY 2008-09, 91 adults received assistance, of which 63 successfully obtained stable housing.

The County's Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board reviewed and recommended this application for approval at its regular meeting on January 25, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total expenditures of \$688,080 include 100 percent Federal funds. These funds are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Final Budget. No County General Funds are required.

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

