

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Community Health, Clinics, and Animal Services

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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DATE: November 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Amendment to Sacramento County Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) Contract

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an amendment to Agreement DHA-CS-PLA-01-10 with the County of Sacramento for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program to provide mental health services to clients, increasing the total by \$4,549 for a revised total of \$52,757 from January 1 through December 31, 2010, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign this and any subsequent amendments. This program is funded solely with Federal funds. No County General Fund match is required. This revenue is included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

Federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) is received by the County of Sacramento, which serves as the fiscal agent for these funds for the Sacramento region. Placer County uses these funds to subcontract with the Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation to deliver direct services to 100 people living with HIV/AIDS disease per year.

This amendment provides funding for bi-monthly mental health group counseling for 20-30 clients facilitated by a licensed clinical social worker. This expands the HOPWA funded services which provide critical short-term housing needs to prevent homelessness. Adding this capacity to help address mental health needs will further help these clients avoid homelessness.

In addition to HOPWA services, Placer County has subcontracted with Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation for thirteen years to provide other Federally-funded services for those living with HIV/AIDS including attendant care, transportation assistance to access medical care, food vouchers, and assistance with health insurance premiums and co-payments. These services allow individuals with HIV/AIDS to live in the least restrictive, most cost effective residential setting while maintaining maximal health and avoiding more costly medical care.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total award amount of \$52,757 includes 100 percent Federal funds. No County General Fund match is required. This revenue is included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Final Budget.

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

