

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: December 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Block Grant Application to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for FY 2010-11

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 2010-11 in the amount of \$686,330, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the application and all documentation, reports, and certifications as required. This represents an increase of \$1,750.00 from prior year grant totals. No County General Fund match is required.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant has effectively funded eligibility determination, referral services, counseling, therapy, housing support, prevention, and diversion services to children, adults, and older adults with serious mental illness in Placer County for the past 16 years. Absent these services, many of these residents would require more expensive residential or inpatient services at greater cost to the County. In total, this grant results in cost avoidance to the County of \$100,000 per year.

Adult residents benefit in the receipt of outreach for housing and related supports which help individuals remain free of inpatient hospital services. Clients are also supported in securing appropriate financial stability and benefits, such as SSI (Supplemental Security Income). In FY 2008-09, 50 adults were served. Nearly all of these persons are now in non-supported living arrangements, free from department assistance of any kind. This funding also provides enhanced support and counseling to minors in foster care, and has been instrumental at reducing the need for more expensive group home or other institutional placements. In FY 2008-09, services funded through this grant were provided to 275 children of whom less than seven percent were subsequently placed in group homes.

This application was reviewed and recommended for approval by the County's Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on November 5, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total expenditures of \$686,330 include 100 percent Federal funds. These funds are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Final Budget. No County General Fund match is required.

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

