

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 of Children's System of Care

DATE: July 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Provision of Educationally-Related Mental Health Services to PCOE Students

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a cooperative agreement with Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 to provide educationally-related mental health services to students of PCOE and its various school districts, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments. Under this arrangement, PCOE will reimburse Placer County in an amount not to exceed \$1,281,717.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County has historically been mandated by State law to provide needed mental health services to special education students to allow for appropriate access to public education. Last October, the state removed the funding for this service, but Placer school districts provided fiscal support to continue the model through the school year just completed. While the State seeks long term solutions in order to fund these much needed services, it has made adequate funds available in the coming year to assure that students are provided with appropriate services.

This agreement continues the seventh year of this uniquely successful cooperative between Children's System of Care, 14 local school districts and PCOE to successfully meet State requirements in Placer County by delivering timely and effective mental health services to 200 students referred by their school districts. The service models in use under this agreement reflect the level and methods of service which best meets the clinical need of students and the fiscal parameters of school partners.

These services effectively help prevent out-of-home care and more expensive non-public school placement by delivering timely and effective local service availability at public school sites and in homes and communities. This approach is fully supported by System Management Advocacy and Resource Team policy board members, which include the Chief Probation Officer, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, and the County Superintendent of Schools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Through this agreement, State and Federal funds allocated exclusively to either Placer County or PCOE are drawn down to reimburse eligible costs incurred by the other entity. Under this agreement, Placer County will receive up to \$1,281,717 for providing mandated mental health services consisting of approximately \$544,000 in Federal funds and approximately \$737,717 in State funds. The expenditures of \$288,420 for this contract will be fully funded by State dollars and are included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget. No County General Fund match is required.

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

