

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: September 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Agreement with Sunbridge Harbor View Rehabilitation Center to provide intensive placement and psychiatric services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the agreement with Sunbridge Harbor View Rehabilitation Center from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 to provide intensive long term placement and psychiatric services in the amount of \$118,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the initial contract amount.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County's Children's System of Care has, since 2006, reduced the number of youth who are placed in residential settings outside the County and State by more than 25%. Occasionally, mandated foster care and associated mental health services to young people with unique psychiatric needs require that care be obtained in specialized settings. In some cases, those needs require placement in treatment facilities which do not have an existing contract for services.

As a result of the acute and specific psychiatric needs of a Placer County youth, this contract with Harbor View Center is needed to assure that this young person receives the unique care required to maintain his health, safety, and wellbeing. An exhaustive review of other care options was completed and Harbor View was selected. Harbor View Center provides locked, skilled nursing care and supervision for persons who require extended treatment as an alternative to acute psychiatric hospitalization, and is able to provide the care necessary to protect this young man and his peers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total expenditures of \$118,000 are included in the Department's FY 2011-12 final budget. These expenditures are 100% funded by County General Fund.

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

