

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: May 7, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution for Re-Licensure for the Placer Children's Emergency Shelter

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services to sign all necessary application forms and file the required application for the Placer Children's Emergency Shelter (PCES) with the Community Care Licensing Division of the California State Department of Social Services on behalf of Placer County.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2012, following the lead of the federal government, California drastically changed foster care by legislatively extending the opportunity to remain in the foster care system to legal dependents until age 21. Under previous regulations, children aged out of foster care at age 18, usually with no further family support, compared to children raised by their own parents or guardians, who transition into adulthood with typically intact family support. This opportunity to remain in care is intended to provide foster youth with the same types of supports through age 21.

Homelessness, academic and early career failure, and higher than average criminality have historically accompanied the transition to adulthood for far too many of California's 4,000 emancipating foster youth each year. While Placer County's transitioning young adults fare far better than State averages, many still find themselves without adequate supports. National research finds that youth who remain in foster care past age 18 were three times more likely to complete one year of college and 2.5 times more likely to graduate with a four year degree. Each year of extended foster care was associated with an estimated increase of \$924 in income.

Placer County's Emergency Shelter is currently licensed to serve only minor children. This resolution affirms the County's intent to offer its non-minor dependents a full continuum of foster care services including emergency short-term placement provided by the Placer Children's Emergency Shelter. Emergency placement services will offer non-minor dependents an additional tool in order to continue to receive supportive health, educational and vocational services and transition into a permanent living environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There may be a nominal increase in activity as a result of this regulatory change which will be included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Requested Budget.

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

Authorizing the Department of Health & Human Services to sign all necessary application forms and file the required application for the Placer Children's Emergency Shelter with the Community Care Licensing Division of the California State Department of Social Services on behalf of Placer County.

Resolution No: _____

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the State of California has legislatively extended the responsibility of counties to provide foster care to young people through age 21, and

WHEREAS, a small number of non-minor dependent adults will require temporary, short-term housing, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Placer County to provide a high quality, continuum of care for non-minor dependents which includes emergency out-of-home placement services through the Placer Children's Emergency Shelter, and,

WHEREAS, the Placer Children's Emergency Shelter is currently licensed to provide emergency placement services to children up to age 18 only, and needs to be relicensed to serve non-minor dependents up to age 21,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Placer County hereby authorizes the Director of Health and Human Services to sign all necessary application forms to relicense the Shelter to serve non-minor dependents up to age 21 and file the required application for the Placer Children's Emergency Shelter with the Community Care Licensing Division of the California State Department of Social Services on behalf of Placer County.