

**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:** June 4, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Provision of Transitional Housing Placement-Plus Program

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve a contract with Whole Person Learning, Inc. to deliver housing and supportive services to emancipating foster youth transitioning to adulthood from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$594,000 (no net County cost), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to a total of \$49,999, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

**BACKGROUND:**

Young adults exiting the foster care system often face unique challenges. In order to provide the most effective support services to these vulnerable young people, specialized support and care services are delivered through community partnership. Through this agreement, the Children's System of Care provides transitional housing, counseling, career education, problem solving and budgeting, and support for youth to access needed community resources. These services prevent homelessness, substance abuse and deter criminal behavior for emancipating foster youth struggling to transition to adulthood. In Placer County, for example, nearly 70 percent of emancipating foster youth enroll in college or trade school, while the statewide average is 15 percent.

Whole Person Learning, Inc. has provided services to youth at risk of homelessness and substance abuse for more than 20 years. In FY 2011-12, a total of 35 emancipating foster youth successfully transitioned to adulthood using this program. Consistent with all Department contracts, this contract may be amended to reduce services based on changes in Federal or State funding.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total amount of this contract is being decreased from \$594,978 in FY 2012-13 to \$594,000 in FY 2013-14. This contract is funded entirely with State funding and no County General Funds are required. These expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Requested Budget.

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

