

**MEMORANDUM  
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Adult 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  
Maureen F. Bauman, Director, Adult System of Care

**DATE:** July 9, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Approve contract with Mental Health America of Northern California

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Approve a contract with Mental Health America of Northern California to provide a Consumer Affairs Coordinator and Family Advocacy services from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$189,229 (no net County cost) and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contract and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total amount, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

**BACKGROUND:**

Mental Health America currently provides a Family Advocacy program for the Adult and Children's Systems of Care as a result of a Request for Proposals conducted in November 2010. The program utilizes workers who have personal experience as the family member of an individual with mental health, substance abuse, or behavioral challenges. The role of these workers is to mentor, advocate and/or support individual families, and recommend, design, and/or implement policies and programs that promote family-centered service delivery.

Approximately 150 individuals will be served for the Adult System of Care (ASOC) in FY 2012-13.

Redesigns within ASOC mental health services system have included the use of people with real-life experience as part of the service continuum. This has included the hiring of Occupational Trainees, Peer Advocates and Family Advocates through both County and contract agencies to provide peer support to many people within the mental health system. This type of redesign is evidence-based and has improved the outcomes of people statewide with severe mental illness receiving treatment in the public mental health system. The Consumer Coordinator position supports client and staff development efforts identified in the Workforce Education and Training Plan of the Mental Health Services Act. These activities include training, capacity building, technical assistance, and client leadership.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Total expenditures of \$189,229 include 100 percent State funds. No County General Fund match is required. Funding of \$189,229 is included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget.

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

