

**MEMORANDUM  
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Adult System of Care**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services  
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care  
**DATE:** August 26, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Grant Agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Approve a renewal grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive funds for Shelter Plus Care in the amount of \$304,510 (plus a required match of \$76,127 in services provided by a community partner for their clients who receive a housing subsidy) for a 12-month term, beginning May 20, 2014, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Shelter Plus Care grant provides rental subsidies to Placer County residents with mental illness and other disabilities to help reduce homelessness. Special consideration is given to those who are seriously mentally ill, have a chronic substance abuse issue and/or have HIV/AIDS or other related diseases. Participants of the program pay 30 percent of their income toward rent, and they must be involved in support services such as employment, case management or treatment. ASOC has successfully implemented the Shelter Plus Care grants since 2003. Grant funds are \$10,574 lower than last year; nationwide all Continuums of Care had to take a mandatory cut in funding.

During the FY 2013-14, 54 adults and 13 children were served. According to the performance measure for this year, this program reports 85 percent of its participants achieved housing stability, 15 percent obtained earned income and 83 percent reported an increase in income and/or maintained their income. The program serves slightly more women than men, and the adults are between the ages of 19 and 77.

Through the renewal of this grant, support services will continue to assist these clients in leading healthy and productive lives. People who are both homeless and mentally ill have a significant impact on local resources. Their unstable situation causes them to overuse emergency room services and inpatient psychiatric services, as well as impacting the criminal justice system. This HUD grant is able to significantly reduce this impact in Placer County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Shelter Plus Care grant decreased by \$10,574 from the prior year, as a result of a mandatory cut in federal funding. This program has a match requirement of \$76,127 for the provision of supportive services. This match is provided through the services of a community partner for their clients who receive a housing subsidy. These program costs and grant revenue are included in the Department's FY 2014-15 Proposed Budget.

A copy of the Renewal Grant Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

