

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Children's System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Richard S. Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: September 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Contracts for Adult and Children's Specialty and Triage Mental Health Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve the award of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 10345 for Adult and Children's Specialty Mental Health Services to Sierra Mental Wellness Group and FamiliesFirst, Inc., dba EMQ FamiliesFirst, and
2. Approve the following contracts from October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to a total of \$49,999 per contract, consistent with the agreements' subject matter and scope of work:
 - a. Specialty mental health services for adults in Placer County and triage services for transitional age youth and adults to Sierra Mental Wellness Group, for a total not to exceed \$1,829,756.
 - b. Specialty mental health services for children in Placer County to FamiliesFirst, Inc., dba EMQ FamiliesFirst, for a total not to exceed \$1,782,721.

BACKGROUND:

In FY 2013-14, the Adult and Children's System of Care provided mental health specialty services to more than 4,000 adults and 1200 children and youth. These mandates include the timely provision of crisis assessment and referral, outpatient services, and hospitalization or other forms of acute care. Some of these services were provided under contract with our community partners throughout the county.

For the FY 2014-16 period, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for the crisis and outpatient spectrum of services. Notification of the RFP was distributed to 103 potential proposers. A total of five interested agencies responded to the RFP. The evaluation panel was comprised of staff from Adult System of Care, Children's System of Care, and representatives from the Latino community and a local hospital's emergency services team.

The evaluation panel recommended award of adult and crisis response services to Sierra Mental Wellness Group. The evaluation panel determined that Sierra Mental Wellness Group was well qualified and presented a proposal which addressed the needs for services by Placer County transitional age youth and adults and demonstrated the agency's experience with this population in recent years. Sierra Mental Wellness Group was the only respondent for the adult and crises response services.

The panel recommended award of the children's mental health services to EMQ FamiliesFirst. EMQ also presented a well written proposal which included access to much needed psychiatric services, and the capacity to deliver services in collaborative and co-located ways to Tahoe area youth. The proposals for children's mental health services were rated as follows:

1. EMQ Families First, Campbell, CA
2. Stanford Youth Solutions, Sacramento, CA

FISCAL IMPACT:

Revenue and expenditures for FY 2014-15 include \$1,279,107 (83 percent) in Federal/State funds and \$269,098 (17 percent) in required County General Funds, and is included in the Department's FY 2014-15 Final Budget. The remainder will be included in the Department's FY 2015-16 Requested Budget.

These contracts are on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

