

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, M.S., Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: March 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Contract with Unity Care Group for Mandated Independent Living Skills Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Take the following actions regarding the contract with Unity Care Group:

- a. Cancel contract number CN005255 with Whole Person Learning effective March 16, 2009 and,
- b. Approve the selection of Unity Care Group as recommended as a result of a Request for Proposals for mandated Independent Living Skills services for eligible Placer County youth ages 16-21, approve a contract in the amount of \$318,923 to provide services from March 16, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and
- c. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to 10% of the total amount.

There are no County General Funds within this contract and these costs are reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

Through successful community partnerships, CSOC meets its mandate to deliver life skills training, educational and vocational/career preparation, personal budgeting, and other independent living supports to nearly 185 young Placer residents each year. These services allow emancipating foster youth to more quickly adapt to independence, and prevent homelessness, substance abuse, and otherwise reduce the need for public services. Placer foster youth continue to exceed state outcome levels for rates of high school graduation, employment, and living in non-subsidized housing.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on September 3, 2008 for a program to deliver the services described above. The RFP evaluation panel consisted of representatives from the Placer County HHS and Probation Departments. Of the three proposals that were received, Unity Care Group received the highest ranking from the evaluation panel. Proposals were also submitted by Whole Person Learning and Placer County Office of Education. The Unity Care Group proposal was selected based on their approach to the needs of the youth and extensive experience with these programs. Unity Care Group provides similar programs in Santa Clara, Monterey, and Orange Counties, and will establish an office in the Roseville area as a result of this award.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total funding allocated is \$318,923. The expenditure level for this service for the period March – June, 2009 remains the same as the contract with the previous service provider, and the funding is included in the Children's System of Care FY2008/09 Final Budget. Funding for the period July, 2009 – June, 2010 will be included in the submitted budget for FY2009-2010 of the Children's System of Care. The contract is funded 100% by state and federal sources, and no County General Funds are required.

A copy of this contract is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

