

**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 of Adult System of Care

DATE: May 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Contracts for Mental Health Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the following actions relating to a comprehensive array of mandated intensive mental health services for Placer County residents with the highest level of need, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to approve subsequent amendments up to 10% of the total contract amount or \$49,999, whichever is less. The combined County General Fund Contribution is \$1,312,570 and these costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

- a. An amendment to Contract CN012601 with Telecare Corporation, extending the term for 6 months and increasing funding by \$1,248,551 to cover the term extension, for a new amended total of \$3,745,652. This extension will continue the provision of psychiatric inpatient services at the same rate while Placer County conducts a Request for Proposals (RFP) for these services currently located at the Cirby Hills Center.
- b. A one-year contract with Sierra Family Services, Inc. for mental health outpatient and after-hours crisis response services in the amount of \$1,344,100, a decrease of 6% from the prior year.
- c. Two-year contracts for residential mental health services with Willow Glen Care Center, Inc. in the amount of \$1,200,000 (a 14% decrease) and Country Villa Merced Behavioral Health Center in the amount of \$352,000 (no change from the prior term).

BACKGROUND:

Placer County Health and Human Services is mandated by the State to provide specific mental health services to adults and children. These comprehensive psychiatric services include crisis, hospital, residential, and out-client services which served 2,875 individuals in FY 2007-08.

All actions requested are consistent with the funding and service levels of the FY 2009-10 proposed budget with no additional County General Funds required.

Intensive treatment services have significantly reduced the utilization of high cost more restrictive facilities by 10 percent from the prior fiscal year resulting in a cost savings of \$100,000. This reduction in utilization has allowed residents that used to live in a more restrictive, more costly, and less effective setting to now live more independently and successfully within a community and family network of supports. As a result of these effective changes in the approach to our care, County residents with mental health needs such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder are now living more independently and becoming productive members of the community while reducing reliance on publicly funded programs.

These contracts were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its regular meeting on May 18, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 2009-10 funding for these contracts is \$2,593,427, reflecting an overall annual decrease of three percent over the prior year, and is comprised of \$1,280,857 federal and state funding and \$1,312,570 in required County General Fund match. The County General Fund contributions required in these actions are included in the FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget. No additional County General Funds are required.

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

