

**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.  
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**DATE:** November 17, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Cooperative Agreement with Placer County Office of Education to Provide Mandated Mental Health Services for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to take the following actions:

- a. Approve the FY 2009-10 cooperative agreement with Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) to jointly meet the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State mental health mandates, with PCOE to reimburse Placer County for providing mandated mental health services in the amount not to exceed \$4,348,618. The required match for these services includes \$15,000 in County General Funds.
- b. Approve the attached Budget Revision for \$3,663,420, a net increase of \$81,710 to the FY 2009-10 Final Budget based on increased utilization.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County is mandated by Federal and State law to provide critically needed mental health services to special education students to allow for appropriate access to public education. The County meets this requirement through a collaborative effort between the Children's System of Care (CSOC) and the Placer County Office of Education (PCOE). This is the fifth year of this uniquely successful cooperative agreement which last year provided State and Federal mandated mental health services to over 525 youth, referred by their school district for mental health services.

Under this agreement, CSOC is able to blend \$4.3 million in PCOE dollars with \$1.2 million in State and Federal funding, in order to deliver mandated children's mental health services. Additionally, this partnership effectively prevents out-of-home care, and more expensive non-public school services, by assuring timely and effective local service availability at three PCOE-administered schools, and district locations around the County.

Our ongoing effort to maximize this shared service is fully supported by District and County school superintendents and the System Management Advocacy and Resource Team policy board members, which includes the Chief Probation Officer, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, and the County Superintendent of Schools.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Under this agreement, PCOE will provide up to \$4,348,618 in funding. In order to accommodate this renewed agreement, the Department's budget needs to be increased by \$81,710 as the remaining expenditures and revenues were included in the FY 2009-10 Final Budget. The required County General Fund match for these services is \$15,000.

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

