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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director of Health & Human Services
Health & Human Services Fiscal

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Aldea, Inc. (Prevention and Early Intervention)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign an agreement with Aldea, Inc., for a maximum of \$24,000 for the term January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 to provide Mental Health First Aid USA training to first responders and primary care providers throughout Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the agreement will enable Aldea to provide Mental Health First Aid USA training to first responders and primary care providers. The stated outcome of this project is to train culturally competent first responders and primary care providers who will attend to the needs of underserved and unserved populations in Napa County. Through this training model, first responders and primary care providers will learn to:

- accurately assess mental health crises;
- provide temporary mental health support; and
- make appropriate referrals to local mental health professional organizations or professionals.

Aldea is a local provider.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

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| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | HHSA Mental Health |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | The requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to have this specific contract nor is it mandatory to contract with this provider. However, the County receives funding and is under contract with the State to fulfill the requirements of its Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Component. The services to be provided through this agreement are consistent with those requirements. |
| Is the general fund affected? | No |
| Future fiscal impact: | This agreement will term June 30, 2013. Amounts will be appropriately budgeted in Fiscal Year 2012-2013. |
| Consequences if not approved: | If this agreement is not approved, the County would need to find an alternate means to provide these services. Otherwise, the County would be at risk of being in breach of contract with the State and may need to return the MHSA funds received for these services or seek approval to use the funds for another purpose. |

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The need for community education regarding mental illness was a recurring theme in the Mental Health Division's Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) planning process. Mental Health First Aid USA is an evidence-based, interactive training that has had significant success in reducing the stigma regarding mental illness and educating first responders to recognize the symptoms of mental illness. The training introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and provides an overview of common treatments.

Approval of the recommended action will fulfill one of two components of the Mental Health Awareness and Response Training PEI Project. Together with the other component (Behavioral Health Integration Training), Mental Health First Aid USA is intended to increase the capacity of existing first responders and primary care providers to more appropriately address the needs of individuals with mental illness.

Aldea is a local vendor. This is a sole source agreement. Several staff at Aldea have been certified after completing the two-week Mental Health First Aid USA training program. Aldea is also the primary contractor for a significant Mental Health First Aid project in Solano County.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins