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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
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Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Napa County Special Education Local Planning Area (SELPA) and the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) (Intensive School-Based Mental Health Services)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Napa County Special Education Local Planning Area (SELPA) and Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) for the term January 9, 2007 through June 30, 2007, including a provision for automatic renewal, to contract and administer an Intensive School-based Mental Health Treatment program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this Memorandum of Understanding will allow Napa County to receive funds from the Special Education Local Planning Area (SELPA) to contract for and administer an intensive school-based mental health treatment program. These services are intended to help children with special needs requiring mental health treatment, so that they may be able to function better at home and at school and prevent the need for more intensive levels of care.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	The Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) will pay Napa County to contract for the provision of school-based mental health treatment services with an area provider. NCOE will additionally pay the County an administrative fee to operate the program.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	The requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to enter into this MOU with SELPA/NCOE. However, the mental health services (AB 3632) to be provided through this MOU are mandated services for severely emotionally disturbed students who have received an Individualized Education Plan from the schools.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the MOU expires June 30, 2007, it automatically renews at the end of each fiscal year for another full fiscal year. This will allow the County to continue services in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and subsequent fiscal years.
Consequences if not approved:	If this MOU is not approved, the Agency will be unable to collaborate with SELPA/NCOE to provide these mandated services. SELPA's costs will therefore not be reimbursed from any eligible funding sources available to the County, and therefore SELPA will not be able to serve more children.
Additional Information:	<p>The school-based mental health services to be provided by an area service provider will not commence until Fiscal Year 2007-2008. However, if the MOU is approved, HHSA staff will immediately begin a Request for Proposals process to select a service provider. Once a contract is approved, HHSA will receive the full amount of funding from NCOE to provide the contract services and an additional 10% above the contract amount to cover the administrative cost of the contract program.</p> <p>Napa County will claim reimbursement from Medi-Cal and EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, or children's Medi-Cal) for the services provided and subsequently reimburse the Special Education Local Planning Area (SELPA) for any costs that the County is able to recoup to offset SELPA's costs.</p>

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

Under the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE), as the business agent of the Special Education Local Planning Area (SELPA), will pay Napa County to contract for the provision of intensive school-based mental health treatment services with an area service provider. NCOE also will pay the County an administrative fee equal to 10 percent of the contract amount to operate the program. Napa County, in turn, will claim reimbursement from available pay sources for these services and reimburse SELPA for all costs that the County is able to recoup.

SELPA currently receives no reimbursement of its program costs incurred in the provision of intensive school-based mental health services. In the current year, NCOE has contracted separately for the provision of intensive school-based mental health services. NCOE cannot recoup any of these costs. Napa County, however, can be reimbursed by state and federal authorities for mental health services rendered to eligible children and youth ("AB 3632" services). The County can thus recoup a portion of the eligible program costs through appropriate funding

sources and offset part of SELPA's costs. The recoupment therefore will enable SELPA to provide more school-based mental health treatment services than would be possible without the MOU.

Under this MOU, HHSa will administer a contract for the provision of intensive school-based mental health services to students of the three NCOE district schools, at the school sites in Napa. The selection of an area service provider will occur by mutual agreement by SELPA/NCOE and Napa County. The amount of the service contract will be determined by the results of a Request for Proposals issued by Napa County.

Students who will be served are children who have received an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that identifies them as having special needs requiring mental health treatment. The services to be provided will help the students function at school and at home, and prevent more intensive levels of care. These supportive services are intended to help the children maximize their school experience, increase their level of functioning, become productive members of society, complete their education, develop skills to live independently upon reaching adulthood, and become gainfully employed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita