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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** New Agreements for the Mental Health Managed Care Program

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements to provide services in the Mental Health Managed Care Program:

1. Agreements for a maximum of \$5,000 each for the term January 9, 2007 through June 30, 2007 with:
  - a. Mary E. Remington, MFT;
  - b. Kathleen R. Boyd, MFT;
  - c. Jane Michele Adams, LCSW;
  - d. Holly A. Dowling, MFT; and
  - e. Stephen L. Pittavino, Ph.D.
2. Business Associate Agreements setting forth the terms and conditions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule with:
  - a. Mary E. Remington, MFT;
  - b. Kathleen R. Boyd, MFT;
  - c. Jane Michele Adams, LCSW;
  - d. Holly A. Dowling, MFT; and
  - e. Stephen L. Pittavino, Ph.D.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of the requested actions will enable the provision of mental health services by these contractors to clients of the Mental Health Managed Care program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?            Yes

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Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreements terminate June 30, 2007, they contain an automatic renewal, which allows the County the option to continue these services into the next fiscal year. Future year appropriations will be requested accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If the requested agreements with these providers are not approved, the County will be unable to add these new outpatient providers to the managed care network, and alternative providers will need to be found to meet client needs, possibly causing some delays in the provision of required services.

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**

On April 1, 1998, HHSa implemented the outpatient phase of the Mental Health Managed Care Program. The program is governed by the terms of Agreement No. 4028 with the State Department of Mental Health, regulations promulgated by the federal Medicaid and California Medi-Cal programs, and a provider operations manual developed by HHSa staff. HHSa is able to bill Medi-Cal for services performed by providers and receives approximately 50% federal reimbursement for those services. Remaining costs are funded by a managed care allocation from the State.

The network of providers includes Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), and Masters-prepared Psychiatric Nurses. Currently, the managed care program providers treat 350-400 clients on a regular basis. The program requires County contracts (defined as subcontracts in the State agreement) with individual providers in the program. The individual provider counsels clients participating in the program.

The requested actions also include approval of Business Associate Agreements setting forth the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations to which the contractors are subject. These agreements provide the County with assurances that the contractors will comply with any and all HIPAA requirements.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita