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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Amendment No.1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Special Education Local Plan Area/Local Education Agency (SELPA)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 5069, a Memorandum of Understanding with the Special Education Local Plan Area/Local Education Agency (SELPA) revising the respective roles and responsibilities of SELPA and Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The existing Memorandum of Understanding with the Special Education Local Plan Area/Local Education Agency (SELPA) denotes the respective roles and responsibilities of SELPA and Napa County regarding services for clients with certain neuromuscular, musculoskeletal or other physical impairments requiring medically necessary occupational or physical therapy. Approval of the requested Amendment has no fiscal impact, and will additionally provide for improved methods of exchanging information, submission of annual budget requests as required by the State Department of Health Care Services-CCS, and the inclusion of clarifying language specifying participation by the California Children's Services Medical Therapy Program staff in the development of the student's Individualized Education Plan as required by AB 3632.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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 State requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), which is the local educational entity responsible for creating and monitoring individual plans for students who meet special education requirements, and the County's California Children's Services (CCS) Medical Therapy Program. In Napa, HHS's CCS Medical Therapy Program provides case management services and authorization of medically necessary treatment to children from birth to age 21 with qualifying neuromuscular, musculoskeletal or other physical medical conditions that require occupational or physical therapy.

The current MOU delineates responsibilities concerning the appointment of liaison positions, information referral and exchange, participation in Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings, and Medical Therapy Program space, operations and supplies requirements. The State Department of Health Care Services, Department of Education, and Department of Developmental Disabilities Services jointly developed the MOU template on which the local MOU was based. Today's requested Amendment to the MOU includes improved methods of exchanging information, clarifying language specifying participation by the State CCS Medical Therapy Program staff in the development of the student's Individualized Education Plan as required by AB 3632, and denotes the need to submit annual budget requests as required by the State Department of Health Care Services-CCS.

The County Privacy Officer has determined that no HIPAA-covered activities are being conducted in connection with this agreement, and therefore a Business Associate agreement is not required.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita