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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
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Actions regarding Kathleen Dunham, MFT (Managed Care)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements with Kathleen Dunham, MFT, for the term October 4, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

1. Agreement for a maximum of \$5,000 to provide services in the Mental Health Outpatient Managed Care Program; and
2. Business Associate Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The contractor will provide outpatient mental health mandated services to clients of the Mental Health Outpatient Managed Care program.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | Behavioral Health |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Mandatory |
| Is the general fund affected? | No |
| Future fiscal impact: | Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2006, the agreement contains an automatic renewal, which allows the County the option to continue these |

services into the next fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.

Consequences if not approved: Mandatory services will not be provided.

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 by a provider operations manual developed by HHSa staff and reviewed by County Counsel. 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 State managed care allocation.

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 has approximately 250-300 clients whom the providers treat on a regular basis. The program requires County contracts (defined as subcontracts in the State agreement) with individual providers in the program. The contractor will provide counseling services to clients participating in the program.

This item also includes a Business Associate Agreement setting forth the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations to which the contractor is subject. This agreement provides the County with assurances that the contractor will comply with any and all HIPAA requirements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita