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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for Jennifer Yasumoto - Director
Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Buckelew Programs, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to:

1. Terminate the current Agreement No. 170669B with Buckelew Programs, Inc. with a maximum of \$374,090; and
2. Sign a new Agreement with Buckelew Programs, Inc. for a maximum of \$364,421 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and for an annual maximum of \$322,949 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and each automatic renewal thereof for operation of the Supportive Living Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Buckelew Programs, Inc. operates the Supportive Living Program (SLP), which is designed to promote greater independence for mental health clients. The SLP provides services for the growing population of semi-independent mental health clients in transition from a higher level of care, such as a board and care home or group home, to independent living that no longer requires 24-hour supervision. SLP services are provided by Buckelew to clients residing in their own apartments in the community.

The purpose of today's requested actions is to terminate the current agreement with Buckelew Programs, Inc. in the amount of \$374,090; and replace the current agreement with a new Agreement in the amount of \$364,421 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, which reflects a decrease in the amount of Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) monies from \$19,688 to \$10,019. The decrease is due to an inability of the contractor to spend down the larger amount. The new amount will be used during FY 2019-2020. If these monies are not spent they will revert back to the state MHBG fund. This money can only be used on the approved costs that fund staffing for a clinical consultant and an on-call staff person. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds will no longer be available after Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and therefore the total amount

will decrease to \$322,949 beginning in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and each automatic renewal thereof.

Buckelew Programs, Inc. is a local vendor.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement is included in the approved Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget and will be budgeted in future fiscal year's appropriately.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, the Mental Health Department will be unable to utilize resources and funding for these programs, which would likely put some clients at risk of requiring more restrictive and expensive levels of care.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
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

Buckelew operates a Supportive Living Program (SLP), providing specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible individuals or individuals in families with serious mental illness who are unable to maintain independent housing placements in the community without provision of structure and mental health support. The SLP treatment program is designed to promote greater independence for mental health clients and provide services for the growing population of semi-independent mental health clients in transition from a higher level of care, such as a board and care home or group home, to independent living that no longer requires 24-hour supervision.

Buckelew coordinates with other providers in the community to ensure qualified individuals receive additional necessary mental health services and supports as a component of their housing in Buckelew's permanent housing project. SLP referrals are solicited from various community agencies and from Health and Human Services Agency. Candidates for SLP are ranked by motivation, willingness to adhere to tenant/landlord contracts, health/medical urgency, stability of functioning, and date of referral. Housing placements are

matched according to availability.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri