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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 Agreement with Alternatives for Better Living, Inc. (CBH/CWS)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4149 with Alternatives for Better Living, Inc., revising the payment structure to enable the contractor's non-licensed staff to provide anger management group counseling services in the Children's Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services Programs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The contractor provides mandated psychotherapy and psychological services to children and families who are clients of the Child Welfare Services and Children's Behavioral Health Programs. These services are not reimbursable under the managed care (Medi-Cal) program. HHSA is amending this agreement so that the contractor may invoice HHSA for non-licensed staff who are appropriately qualified to provide anger management group counseling services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Behavioral Health Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2006, the agreement contains an automatic renewal, which allows the County to continue these services into

the next fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.

Consequences if not approved: The contractor will not be reimbursed for anger management group counseling services provided by non-licensed staff.

Additional Information: This action will not increase the maximum dollar amount of the agreement. The additional cost will be absorbed within the existing contract maximum.

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

This contract provides mandated counseling services for children and families who are not in the county's Medi-Cal managed care program either because they are not Medi-Cal-eligible or because it is not practical for them to go through the managed care system (e.g., there is a pre-existing relationship with a non-managed care therapist). Children and families receiving services under these contracts come to HHSA through one of two "doors"—the Child Protective Services (CPS) "door" (through a court order) or the mental health "door" (through an Individualized Education Plan, IEP, from the local school system).

The agreement is being amended to revise the payment structure, which will allow the contractor to invoice HHSA for non-licensed staff who are appropriately qualified to provide anger management group counseling services. The cost of these services will be absorbed within the maximum dollar amount of the agreement.

The department has an executed Business Associate agreement on file with this provider.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita