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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
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Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6605 with the Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6605 with the Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, Inc., increasing the amount by \$75,000 for a new maximum of \$165,000 to provide additional youth substance abuse treatment services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, through its Wolfe Center, provides substance abuse treatment programs for youth. Approval of the requested amendment will increase the maximum compensation to allow the contractor to provide additional units of service on a fee-for-service basis.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	The increase will be funded by a Social Services Claim Adjustment designation that was canceled by Board action on November 14, 2006 (Budget Transfer No. 24) and made available for this purpose in Fiscal Year 2006-2007.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This is a discretionary activity in that there is no mandate to provide these services. Approval of this amendment will allow the Wolfe Center to respond to an increased demand for collateral services with family and other providers, family interventions and support systems, and milieu treatment activities.

Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2007, the agreement contains an automatic renewal clause, which allows the County to continue these services into the next fiscal year.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, the Wolfe Center will not be able to provide additional units of treatment to young people in need. Napa County HHSA outpatient programs are not designed to, nor capable of, handling youth treatment. The Wolfe Center was created specifically to provide treatment for this age group.
Additional Information:	The increase in this agreement is based on the need for these services. Studies show that additional services to treat youth substance abuse now will reduce future adult substance abuse problems. If the Agency determines that funding is not available for subsequent fiscal years, the Agency will amend the agreement to reflect the available level of funding.

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

Lloyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, Inc., through its Wolfe Center, operates a freestanding outpatient program for adolescents with substance abuse problems. The Center provides intake and assessment, individual and group services, family counseling, and psychiatric services to treat substance abuse problems in youth ages 12-18. The current agreement provides for reimbursement of treatment services provided to youth at the Wolfe Center's main site in Napa as well as satellite locations around the County. The agreement is being amended to increase the maximum amount and allow for additional services to be provided on a fee-for-service basis.

Currently about 45 youth are served by the Wolfe Center. Projections from the California Legislative Analyst's Office estimate that only 10% of adolescents who need treatment actually receive it. HHSA is embarking on a process to study the substance abuse treatment needs among adolescents in Napa County in order to develop local estimates of need.

Youth who are not treated for alcohol and drug problems are 5 times more likely to attempt suicide; 4.5 times more likely to get into a serious fight; 3.5 times more likely to carry a weapon; 3 times more likely to be hospitalized for a mental health problem; 3 times more likely to have a conduct disorder; 1.5 times more likely to get into an accident, injury or poison themselves; and almost 2 times more likely to have multiple sexual partners.

Studies have begun to emerge discussing the effectiveness of adolescent treatment, and several large studies are currently under way. These studies show that alcohol treatment for adolescents not only reduces alcohol use, but also spurs a range of behavioral and psychological improvements. A recent federal government study also revealed that treatment for substance abuse disorders among adolescents significantly reduces substance use and criminal activity, concluding that administering treatment to adolescents would greatly prevent future substance use-related problems as the young person transitions into adulthood.

Staff recommends approval of the amendment with the Loyd Wolfe Center. It is anticipated, based on the above studies, that the additional treatment services provided will help more of Napa's youth suffering from substance abuse now, and will thereby reduce future adult substance abuse problems.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita