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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director
Health & Human Services Administration

REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Manager - 253-4720

SUBJECT: Actions regarding Renewal Agreements for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign the following renewal agreements to provide assistance with outreach, enrollment, retention, and utilization of Medi-Cal for all potentially eligible children/families throughout Napa County, each for the term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

1. Agreement No. 8018 with Cope Family Center, Inc., for a maximum of \$43,093;
2. Agreement No. 8020 with Spirit of Unity in Napa, Inc., doing business as Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center, for a maximum of \$22,500;
3. Agreement No. 8021 with Children's Health Initiative, Inc., for maximum of \$32,000;
4. Agreement No. 8047 with American Canyon Family Center, Inc., for a maximum of \$20,930;
5. Agreement No. 8048 with Napa Valley Child Advocacy Network, Inc., doing business as Parent-Child Advocacy Network, Inc., for a maximum of \$23,328;
6. Agreement No. 8056 with Up Valley Family Center, Inc., for a maximum of \$34,243; and
7. Agreement No. 8146 with Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Inc., for a maximum of \$26,907.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will enable the County's Health and Human Services Agency to continue a community-wide effort to outreach and enroll uninsured and potentially eligible residents in Medi-Cal coverage and to link them to needed health/behavioral health services. The essential component of this effort is subcontracting with qualified and interested Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to perform Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA). Currently, many CBOs are the first doors low income individuals and families walk into for services including information, referral and facilitation of application for public aid. Services such as these may be reimbursable under the MAA program. HHSA is the MAA administrator and the link to federal reimbursement.

Cope Family Center, Spirit of Unity, Children's Health Initiative, Napa Valley Child Advocacy Network, Queen of the Valley Medical Center, American Canyon Family Resource Center and Up Valley Family Center are local vendors.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	HHS- Health Care Enhancement Program
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	These agreements are discretionary in that there is no mandate to contract with these providers. However, these agreements will allow Health and Human Services to continue a community-wide effort to outreach and enroll uninsured and potentially eligible residents in Medi-Cal coverage and to link them to needed health/behavioral health services.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreements terminate June 30, 2015.
Consequences if not approved:	If this action is not approved, the Community Based Organization (CBO) Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) program will not be able to continue.
Additional Information:	The total amount of the agreements for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 services total \$203,001 and are with the following nonprofit organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cope Family Center, Inc., for \$43,093; Spirit of Unity in Napa, Inc., doing business as Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center, for \$22,500; Children's Health Initiative, Inc., for \$32,000; American Canyon Family Center, Inc., for \$20,930; Napa Valley Child Advocacy Network, Inc., doing business as Parent-Child Advocacy Network, Inc., for \$23,328; Up Valley Family Center, Inc., for \$34,243; and Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Inc., for \$26,907.

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

Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, or MAA, is the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal State Plan. The Medi-Cal State Plan identifies the Department of Health Care Services as the single state agency responsible for

administering the federal Medicaid program (Medi-Cal in California) and also lays out the eligibility criteria for beneficiaries and the services that can be provided. Essentially, every activity and service that is to be claimed for federal financial participation (FFP) must be covered in the state plan. MAA, also provided for in the state plan and implemented through the 1995 Medi-Cal Administrative Claiming (MAC) agreement, are the activities that support the overall Medi-Cal system such as connecting potential individuals to eligibility and services, planning related to system capacity and general administration.

The Local Government Agency (LGA), or the designated entity responsible for administering MAA locally, is Napa County Health and Human Services Agency. The LGA may subcontract with CBOs and other local agencies to perform MAA.

In September 2013, HHSA launched a community-wide effort to outreach and enroll uninsured and potentially eligible residents in Medi-Cal coverage and to link them to needed health/behavioral health services. The essential component of this effort is subcontracting with qualified and interested CBOs to perform MAA. Currently, many CBOs are the first doors low income individuals and families walk into for services including information, referral and facilitation of application for public aid. Services such as these may be reimbursable under the MAA program. HHSA is the MAA administrator and the link to federal reimbursement.

This effort also supports expanded eligibility for Medi-Cal under the Affordable Care Act which has resulted in increased numbers of residents becoming eligible for Medi-Cal. These CBOs are well regarded by the communities they serve and are very accessible to the target populations making them the perfect vehicle to have positive proactive impact in reaching the uninsured.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi