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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 2 to Agreements with Behavioral Solutions for Children, Inc. (Therapeutic Behavioral Services)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6338 with Behavioral Solutions for Children, Inc. increasing the amount by \$35,000 for a new maximum of \$60,000 to provide Therapeutic Behavioral Services in the Children's Behavioral Health Program.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Behavioral Solutions for Children provides specialty mental health services to authorized children and youth with serious emotional and/or behavioral problems. The amendment increases the maximum dollar amount to allow the contractor to provide more units of service for the remainder of this fiscal year.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement expires on June 30, 2006, it 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 additional mandated Therapeutic

**Behavioral Services.**

Additional Information: The increase to this agreement will be funded by additional Short/Doyle Medi-Cal reimbursement and matching realignment dollars for the services provided.

**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**

The contractor provides Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) supplemental specialty mental health services, referred to as Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS). TBS services are provided to County-authorized children and youth with serious emotional problems who are experiencing a stressful transition or life crisis and who need additional specific short-term support. The services are intended to prevent placement in a group home at Rate Classification Level (RCL) 12 through 14 or in a locked facility for the treatment of mental health needs, or to enable a transition from any of those levels to a lower level of residential care. The TBS program is designed to provide services to full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under age 21 who meet medical necessity criteria and are a member of the certified class, defined as meeting one of the following four criteria:

- | The child/youth is placed in a group home facility of RCL 12 or above/and or a locked treatment facility for the treatment of mental health needs;
- | The child/youth is being considered by the County for placement in a facility described above;
- | The child/youth has undergone at least one emergency psychiatric hospitalization related to his/her current representing disability within the proceeding 24 months; or
- | The child/youth previously received TBS services while a member of the County-certified class.

The client must also meet the criteria for needing this service as specified in Department of Mental Health letter 99-03. This agreement provides for assessment, plan development, collateral and direct 1:1 TBS coaching services necessary to accomplish state-mandated requirements.

The agreement is being amended to increase the maximum dollar amount to enable the contractor to provide more units of service for the remainder of this fiscal year, as required by our contract with the State.

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

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita