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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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 Agreement with J. Michael Kerr, Ph.D.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6374 with J. Michael Kerr, Ph.D., increasing the amount by \$35,000 for a new maximum of \$60,000 to provide conservatorship investigation services to clients of the Mental Health Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dr. Kerr provides investigation services for temporary, Murphy or permanent conservatorships. Services include consultation, client interviews, review of medical and psychiatric records, report preparation, and court appearances as necessary. The amendment increases the maximum dollar amount to compensate the contractor to provide more units of services 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 terminates June 30, 2006, the agreement contains an automatic renewal, which enables the County to continue these services into the next fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly
Consequences if not approved:	The contractor cannot be compensated for additional units of service.

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

The Welfare and Institutions Code (Sections 5350 and 5352) requires that the County provide an officer to investigate requests for conservatorship of mentally ill persons who are thought by their caretakers to be gravely disabled. Through this agreement, Dr. Kerr investigates requests for conservatorship and provides recommendations to the court as to whether conservatorship is needed. Conservatorship investigations are necessary to provide the courts with the comprehensive information they need to make critical decisions regarding mentally ill persons' need for conservatorship. They also are necessary to ensure individualized treatment, supervision and placement for severely mentally ill persons unwilling to accept, or incapable of accepting, treatment voluntarily.

The amendment increases the maximum dollar amount to compensate the contractor for an increased number of referrals. HHSa originally set the maximum amount of this agreement lower than the amount required for a full year of conservatorship investigation services, with the intention of having multiple contract providers available to perform these investigative services. However, HHSa has been unsuccessful to date in establishing new contracts. HHSa will continue to solicit interest with providers potentially willing to take on this service, which will allow more flexibility in covering the current demand of referrals for conservatorship investigations. Due to the nature of how these referrals come into the County, the Department has no control over the number or frequency of cases needing Conservatorship investigative services.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita