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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
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst - 253-4720
SUBJECT: Agreement with Napa Emergency Women's Services (Domestic Abuse Training)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services Agency requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Napa Emergency Women's Services, Inc., for a maximum of \$360 for the term April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, to train staff in the Agency's CalWORKs unit on various domestic abuse topics.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested action will enable Napa Emergency Women's Services to provide mandated domestic abuse training to Health and Human Services CalWORKs staff during the current Fiscal Year.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Social Services - CalWORKs Single Allocation
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Although HHSA is mandated to provide these services, the choice of the provider is discretionary. All CalWORKs staff are required to attend domestic abuse training annually under CalWORKs' enabling legislation. Approval of the requested action will enable the provision of the required training to the County's CalWORKs staff.
Is the general fund affected?	No

Future fiscal impact: The agreement terminates June 30, 2008.

Consequences if not approved: If this contract is not approved, NEWS will be unable to provide these mandated trainings to CalWORKs staff.

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

Napa Emergency Women's Services (NEWS) has been providing services to victims of domestic abuse for 25 years. Established in 1981, NEWS remains the only organization in Napa County exclusively dedicated to providing critical, emergency assistance to women and children victimized by domestic violence. Services provided include a 24-hour crisis hotline, an emergency confidential shelter, legal advocacy, and support groups.

Under AB 1542, Chapter 270 (CalWORKs enabling legislation from 1997), all CalWORKs staff are required to attend domestic abuse training annually. NEWS has previously provided this training to HHSA staff. Approval of the requested action will enable NEWS to provide the required training this year using an enhanced curriculum. Under the recommended agreement, News will deliver six (6) two-hour sessions over the course of six weeks. NEWS will train CalWORKs staff on a variety of domestic abuse topics including forms of abuse, the cycle of violence, early warning signs, calling law enforcement, safety planning when children are involved, and requirements to receive NEWS services. The recommended agreement is presented for approval by the Board as the provider's aggregate dollar amount for services exceeds the threshold for the County's Purchasing Agent to execute.

Napa Emergency Women's Services is not a health care provider for purposes of HIPAA. This position is taken because there is no use of protected health information by, nor provided, to the vendor.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita