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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 Dominican University of California (Interns)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Dominican University of California for the term April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, with a provision for automatic annual renewal, reciting terms and conditions for the placement of interns for field work to be performed at the Health and Human Services Agency.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended agreement will allow Napa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to accept graduate level students from Dominican University of California for completion of their required field work as interns in the County's California Children's Services Medical Therapy Program. Each intern's field work will consist of exposure to, and the provision of, occupational and physical therapy services while under the supervision of staff in HHSA's Public Health Division.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

Approval of the recommended agreement will allow Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to offer educational internship opportunities to graduate level students from the Dominican University of California's Occupational Therapy program. The interns will be placed in the California Children's Services Medical Therapy Program, which provides medically necessary occupational and physical therapy to children from birth to 21 who qualify diagnostically for the Program.

To provide standards-based pediatric therapy, specific training as well as an interest in pediatrics is required. There is a nationwide shortage of occupational therapists in general, and few occupational therapists are choosing pediatrics as their specialty area. To provide for succession of its current workforce, HHSA seeks to provide one or two twelve-week Level II pediatric internships annually so that occupational therapy graduates have an exposure to, and training in, pediatric occupational therapy.

Under the direct supervision of the Medical Therapy Unit's supervisor and staff occupational therapists, the occupational therapy interns will learn to:

- | assess children with neurological, orthopedic and neuromuscular diagnoses,
- | design evidence-based therapy treatment plans and carry out the treatment plan,
- | reassess the impact of therapy on the child's progress and include adapting activities to accomplish goals,
- | complete required documentation,
- | obtain prescriptions, and order and fit orthotics and durable medical equipment,
- | design and teach home and school therapeutic exercise and activity programs,
- | deliver summaries of the child's progress to the prescribing physician and
- | consult with other members of the child's team, including physical therapists, parents, and teachers.

No stipends are paid for this internship. Any expenses incurred during the course of the internships are the responsibility of each intern who is placed at HHSA.

For purposes of HIPAA, the Dominican University of California is not a Business Associate. Placed interns will be considered members of the County's workforce and therefore a Business Associate Agreement is not required for each intern.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita