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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: Actions regarding the Children's Behavioral Health/Child Welfare Services Programs

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements to provide counseling services in the Children's Behavioral Health/Child Welfare Services/SB 163 Wraparound Programs:

1. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 4601 with Del Domezio, LCSW, increasing the amount by \$15,000 for a new maximum of \$30,000;
2. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 4823 with Joni Yacoe, MFT, increasing the amount by \$6,000 for a new maximum of \$16,000; and
3. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 6360 with Doug Marum, Ph. D., increasing the amount by \$6,000 for a new maximum of \$12,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Agency is requesting approval of amendments to the existing agreements with Del Domezio, Doug Marum, and Joni Yacoe so that these contractors may provide additional units of service, with no increase in the total number of clients served by HHSA. These contractors provide mandatory psychotherapy and psychological services to children who are clients of the Child Welfare Services, Children's Behavioral Health, and SB 163 Wraparound programs. Total expenditures for counseling services will remain within the total authorized budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted?	Mental Health Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreements terminate June 30, 2007, they contain an automatic renewal provision, which allows the County the option to continue these services in the following fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this action is not approved, HHSA will not be able to provide mandated counseling services through these providers. The Agency will thus have to look for and contract with other provider(s) for the additional services.
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

These contractors provide mandated counseling services for children and families who are not in the County's Medi-Cal managed care program, either because they are not Medi-Cal eligible or because it is not practical for them to go through the managed care system (e.g., there is a pre-existing relationship with a non-managed care therapist). Children and families receiving services under these contracts come to HHSA through one of three "doors" — the Child Welfare Services (CWS) "door" (through a court order), the Children's Behavioral Health (CBH) or mental health "door" (through an Individualized Education Plan [IEP] from the local school system), or the SB 163 "door" (supportive wraparound services, funded by HHSA and provided by HHSA and Probation staff, designed to maintain children in the community). At any time, HHSA has approximately 150 such professionals under contract.

Under the county's current protocols for contract management, HHSA is only able to pay a contractor up to the amount of the spending authority specified in an approved contract. To avoid having expenditure authority "stranded" in contracts that may not be fully utilized during the year, HHSA's practice is to gradually amend contracts during the course of the year, as they are utilized. Approval of the requested amendments will increase the maximum compensation payable to these contractors. This is in line with HHSA's practice of monitoring utilization of specialty services through the year and applying funding by means of periodic contract amendments.

The total number of HHSA's clients in the current fiscal year has not increased. The requested increase in these particular contractors' maximums only means the other contracts (HHSA has approximately 150 professionals under contract for counseling services) may not require amendments, or may require smaller amendments during this fiscal year. The increase in contract amount for these providers is within the total authorized budget for the fiscal year.

The Agency has executed Business Associate Agreements on file with these providers.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita