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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
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SUBJECT: Amendments to Agreements with Care Network, LLC and Your Home Nursing (APS)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following amendments revising the rates for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 services, with no change to the contract maximum, for the contractors to provide in-home protective services to elderly and dependent adults:

1. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 4667 with Care Network, LLC; and
2. Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 4596 with Your Home Nursing Services, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Care Network, LLC and Your Home Nursing Services, Inc. provide emergency in-home supportive services to protect elderly and dependent adults from abuse and neglect. The contractors provide staff ranging from a Certified Nursing Assistant to a Registered Nurse, depending on the needs of the client. Referrals for this program are made through HHSA's Adult Protective Services (APS) unit. Approval of the requested amendments will revise the rates for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 services. The increase in the contractor's rates will be absorbed within the existing contract maximums.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes

Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreements terminate June 30, 2008, each of the agreements contains 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 these amendments are not approved, the County will be unable to compensate the contractors for their rate increases and will have to find alternative providers for these mandatory services.
Additional Information:	Both contracts are being amended to increase the mileage rates to match current IRS Standard Mileage Rates. Additionally, hourly nursing staff billing rates for Care Network, LLC are being decreased by 4%, while Your Home Nursing Services, Inc. is increasing their hourly nursing staff billing rates by 4%. The increased costs will be absorbed within contract maximums.

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

According to section 15763 (d) of the Welfare and Institutions Code; "(d) To the extent resources are available, each county shall provide emergency shelter in the form of a safe haven or in-home protection for victims. Shelter and care appropriate to the needs of the victim shall be provided for frail and disabled victims who are in need of assistance with activities of daily living." The in-home protection agreements assist the Adult Protective Services (APS) program with its mandate to protect dependent adults and the elderly from abuse and neglect, whether perpetrated by others or self, by providing temporary critical custodial and/or nursing care in the individual's own home or in the least restrictive setting. These services are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week anywhere in Napa County to victims of elder/dependent adult abuse in the comfort of their own home. The ability to provide in-home protection precludes in most instances the need for more costly institutional placements and the potential loss of housing for the victim.

Approval of the requested amendment will incorporate revised rates for both contractors for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The main revision involves the increase in mileage rates, to match current IRS Standard Mileage Rates. Rates in this contract have not been updated since 04-05. The increase in the contractor's rates will be absorbed within the existing contract maximums.

The California Department of Social Services has determined that APS contractors are not health care providers for purposes of HIPAA, and therefore Business Associate agreements are not required.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita