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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Alice Hughey for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with the Department of Mental Health (CONREP)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 2390 with the California Department of Mental Health revising the structure of payment for the Conditional Release Program (CONREP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under state law, certain individuals on Penal Code commitments to state hospitals are granted conditional release into the community ("CONREP"). The amendment revises the timing for state reimbursement to the county.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Behavioral Health - 100%
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The state's Conditional Release Program (CONREP) provides funding to local agencies to maintain the program participants in the community by providing the mental health services they need rather than having the participants return to a locked facility. In addition, in the event that the budgeted CONREP funds have been exhausted, the county mental health program may submit some eligible services to Medi-Cal for reimbursement. The Medi-Cal reimbursement amount is matched by budgeted Realignment funds.

Is the general fund affected? No
Future fiscal impact: The agreement is renewed annually.
Consequences if not approved: The loss of funding would require the county to discontinue the program.
Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Under the state-funded CONREP program, certain individuals on Penal Code commitments to state hospitals are granted conditional release into the community, with advance certification by state hospital staff. The goal of the program is to reintegrate these individuals back into the community, while ensuring public protection, by providing the appropriate level of mental health services and monitoring. A county forensic mental health counselor provides an array of mental health services and closely monitors persons placed on outpatient status through the CONREP program.

The contract is divided into two portions. One portion consists of monthly payments (1/12 of the total amount) of a "Negotiated Net Amount" for the provision of core mental health services. The other portion is reimbursement of other "Negotiated Rate" mental health services.

The amendment changes the timing of the 1/12 monthly payments of the Negotiated Net Amount portion of the contract. The state will now require the county to submit claims for 1/12 monthly payments *after* the first of the month in which they are due, rather than during the preceding month.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon