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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: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Linda Henderson, M.D.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to an agreement (formerly AUD-5795) with Linda Henderson, M.D., increasing the amount by \$2,000 for a new maximum of \$18,000, with an automatic annual renewal provision, to provide consultation in the Medical Therapy Unit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dr. Henderson provides consultation and evaluation of physical and medical conditions of physically disabled children from birth to age 21 in the Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) of Health and Human Services. Approval of the requested amendment will increase the maximum compensation payable to the contractor due to an increase in the amount of reimbursement for her travel to the MTU in accordance with California Children Services Policy Chapter 5, p 5.11-1.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This is a discretionary activity in that there is no mandate to contract with this particular provider. However, California Children Services (CCS) funding enables the County to provide services to physically disabled children from birth to age 21. Per CCS Policy, this funding is available to pay for the the

	MD's services, mileage and lodging. Approval of this amendment will allow HHSa to pay for additional travel costs related to the consultation and evaluation services which Dr. Henderson provides.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2007, the agreement contains a provision for automatic annual renewal, which enables the County to continue these services into the next fiscal year. The appropriations will be budgeted accordingly. The funding has been included in the Agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.
Consequences if not approved:	If this contract is not approved, the County will not be able to provide the required medical direction and consultation for treatment in compliance with state and federal law.
Additional Information:	<p>HHSa has contacted many local pediatricians in an effort to find one who would be willing to be trained in this work, and stay for the long term. It should be noted that HHSa draws from a very limited field of MDs who understand the complexities of these kids; and that many of these MDs travel from county to county. There is, in fact, a statewide crisis in the retention of MTU physicians.</p> <p>HHSa has been contracting with Dr. Henderson since October 2005, and this is the first increase to her contract.</p>

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

The Medical Therapy Program is designed to provide medically necessary physical and occupational therapy services to children with qualifying handicapping conditions regardless of family financial situation. The program provides services to physically disabled children from birth to age 21.

Under the current agreement, the contractor provides the required medical direction and consultation for treatment in compliance with state and federal law. The contractor moved farther away from the Medical Therapy Unit after the contract was written and signed in 2006. The amendment is being requested to increase the dollar amount to reflect the contractor's additional mileage costs, in accordance with California Children Services Policy, Chapter 5, p 5.11-1.

The Agency has a an executed Business Associate Agreement on file with this provider.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita