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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: Amendments to Agreements with Shameem Ghauri, M.D.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements with Shameem Ghauri, M.D.:

1. Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 4656 increasing the amount by \$10,000 for a new maximum of \$45,000 and revising the contractor's hourly rate to provide psychiatric services to clients of the Therapeutic Child Care Center; and
2. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6075 decreasing the amount by \$15,000 for a new maximum of \$60,000, revising the Scope of Work to adjust the number of service hours per week, and revising the compensation section to increase the contractor's hourly rate to provide psychiatric services to clients in the children's mental health program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 4656:

Under the current agreement, the contractor provides psychiatric screening and assessment services for the Therapeutic Child Care Center, in which a majority of the children have a mental health diagnosis. Approval of the requested amendment will increase the contractor's hourly rate from \$90 per hour to \$105 per hour, which is comparable with other counties' rates for these type of services.

Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6075:

Under the current agreement, the contractor provides mandated child psychiatry services for Medi-Cal children with emotional and behavioral difficulties as part of the Napa County Medi-Cal and AB 3632 programs. Approval of the requested amendment will increase the contractor's hourly rate from \$90 per hour to \$105 per hour, revise the Scope of Work to specify the average number of service hours per week, and decrease the maximum dollar amount to bring the contract maximum in line with the actual level of usage. The increase in the contractor's hourly rate will be absorbed within the new contract maximum.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	<p>The requested action to amend Agreement No. 4656 is discretionary in that there is no mandate to have this specific contract. However, amending this agreement will allow the County to continue to provide essential therapeutic services for the Therapeutic Child Care Center, and compensate the contractor at a level comparable to other counties' rates for psychiatrists specializing in children's services.</p> <p>The requested action to amend Agreement No. 6075 is discretionary too in that there is no mandate to have this particular contract. However, the County receives Medi-Cal and State EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) funding and is under contract with the State Department of Mental Health to provide medically necessary mental health services to children. This provider enables the County to comply with that contractual requirement. Approval of the amendment will allow the County to compensate the contractor at a level comparable to other counties' rates for psychiatrists specializing in children's services.</p> <p>If approved, this will be the first rate increase in Dr. Ghauri's agreements since July 1, 2003.</p>
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreements terminate on June 30, 2007, the agreements contain an automatic annual renewal provision, which allows the County the option to continue these services in the following fiscal year. Appropriations are budgeted accordingly in the respective divisions' request budgets for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The agreements are reviewed annually by the divisions to ensure needs are covered.
Consequences if not approved:	<p>If the amendment to Agreement No. 4656 is not approved, the provider will discontinue providing essential therapeutic services for the Therapeutic Child Care Center.</p> <p>If the amendment to Agreement No. 6075 is not approved, the provider will discontinue providing medically necessary psychiatric services to children in the Mental Health programs, which could leave the County at risk of non-compliance with provisions of the contract it has with the State.</p>
Additional Information:	Agreement No. 4656 is fully funded with a combination of First Five Napa County Children and Families Commission funds and Realignment funding in the Public Health Budget.

Agreement No. 6075 is fully funded with a combination of Medi-Cal and State EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) funding in the Mental Health Budget.

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

Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 4656 - Therapeutic Child Care Center: Under the current agreement, the contractor provides an initial assessment of each child enrolled at the Therapeutic Child Care Center (TCCC), and assists staff and parents in developing and implementing interventions and strategies to optimize the child's social-emotional and mental health functioning. The contractor also monitors and tailors therapeutic modalities, interventions and strategies in response to the child's status and progress. It is anticipated the contractor will be serving around 32 children (ages 0-5) and their families per month. Approval of the requested amendment will increase the contractor's hourly rate from \$90 per hour to \$105 per hour and increase the maximum contract amount accordingly. This new rate is in line with comparable counties' rates for these services.

Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6075 - Mental Health: Mandated child psychiatric services are provided under this contract at County facilities for Medi-Cal children with emotional and behavioral difficulties as part of the Napa County Medi-Cal and AB 3632 programs. AB 3632 is a state-mandated program that provides free mental health services to children with special education needs. Under the current agreement, the contractor provides direct psychiatric services to clients in the form of 1:1 meetings, group sessions, treatment planning, case conferences, documentation, or other activities as determined by the needs of the clients and the programs to which they are assigned. Approval of the requested amendment will adjust the number of hours specified in the scope of work and reduce the contract maximum to more accurately reflect the level of usage. The amendment will also increase the contractor's hourly rate from \$90 per hour to \$105 per hour, which is in line with comparable counties' rates for these services.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita