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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement No. 6253 with Alternatives for Better Living, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6253 with Alternatives for Better Living, Inc., decreasing the amount by \$10,000 for a new maximum of \$10,000 to provide "clean and sober" housing to clients of the Substance Abuse Treatment Options Program (STOP) for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Alternatives for Better Living provides housing to clients of the Substance Abuse Treatment Options Program (STOP) who are drug-free and sober ("clean and sober housing"). The requested amendment will incorporate performance measures into the Scope of Work and decrease the maximum dollar amount for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Substance Abuse Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	If this amendment is not approved, the contract maximum will not reflect the anticipated usage of this contract. HHS sets each contract maximum at the anticipated level of usage in order to be able to accommodate all needed services within the total amount available for contracts in each budget unit.
Is the general fund affected?	No

- Future fiscal impact: Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2007, the agreement contains an automatic renewal, which allows the County the option to continue these services into the next fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
- Consequences if not approved: If this amendment is not approved, the contract maximum will not reflect the anticipated usage of this contract. Thus, the use of the total amount available for contracts in this budget unit will not be maximized.
- Additional Information: This agreement is being decreased in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 due to reduced funding available in the Proposition 36 trust fund. At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the State indicated that Proposition 36 trust funds above and beyond the annual allocation might be at risk of being taken back by the State to disburse to larger counties. HHSA made a decision to spend down these excess funds. As a result, there are fewer rollover funds available in Fiscal Year 2006-2007. HHSA decided to reduce several contracts, including this one, to maintain sufficient funding for HHSA's residential and outpatient services and associated staffing.
- This contract is funded entirely by the Proposition 36 annual allocation.

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

A major barrier for many clients in maintaining their recovery from drug addiction is that they do not have housing, or available housing is populated by people who are using drugs. A significant factor that improves the ability of clients to sustain their condition of recovery is the provision of an affordable residence that is free of drugs. The contract with Alternatives for Better Living, Inc. provides such housing for up to four months for clients in the Proposition 36 Substance Abuse Treatment Options Program (STOP).

Section 9530(b)(1) of the California State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) regulations covering Proposition 36 programs permits payment for housing services to support treatment services mandated under the proposition. The regulation requires that the facility providing the housing is affiliated with an ADP-certified or ADP-licensed drug treatment program and that the combined cost of the treatment and residential services does not exceed the median cost of residential drug treatment services paid by Napa County pursuant to the Proposition 36 Act.

Alternatives for Better Living, Inc. is an ADP-certified drug program that manages two clean and sober transitional houses. The combined cost of treatment and residential services is under the daily median for residential drug treatment services paid by Napa County.

The requested amendment incorporates performance measures into the contractor's Scope of Work and decreases the maximum dollar amount for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita