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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

**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 3534 with Mental Health Consumer Concerns, Inc.

## RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 3534 with Mental Health Consumer Concerns, Inc., increasing the amount by \$23,981 for a new maximum of \$104,581, revising the budget and incorporating agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions, to provide additional mental health patient rights advocacy services.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Mental Health Consumer Concerns, Inc. operates under the auspices of California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5250, et seq. The contractor's staff attend certification review and other legal hearings on behalf of mental health clients placed in mental health facilities in Napa County. The amendment incorporates agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions and increases the maximum dollar amount due to an increase in the number of patients' rights hearings for clients placed in inpatient settings.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted? Mental Health

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: Although the agreement terminates on June 30, 2006, 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, additional mandatory services will not be

provided. In addition, agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions will not be incorporated into the contractor's agreement.

Additional Information: The increased cost of this agreement will be funded with current year salary

savings 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

The Mental Health Consumer Concerns, Inc.'s program is designed to ensure that clients are represented and that all rights and responsibilities related to clients under federal, state, and local laws actually are provided. The Welfare and Institutions Code requires counties to provide for patients' right services for county clients who are hospitalized in a psychiatric or other institutional care setting. The program provides services to adults, children, and families.

The requested action will ensure the continued provision of mandated patients' rights services through the end of the fiscal year. The original contract budget was based on historical demand for these services; however, this year there has been an increase in patients' rights hearings for Napa County clients placed in inpatient settings. The amendment is necessary to reimburse contractor for increased caseloads and costs in providing this mandated service.

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

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita