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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** JoAnn Melgar for Howard Himes - Director  
Health & Human Services Operations

**REPORT BY:** JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Maria Alvarez, Ph.D. (Psychological Evaluations)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 170618B-17 with Maria Alvarez, Ph.D. increasing the amount by \$7,000 for a new annual maximum of \$15,000 to provide psychological evaluation services to clients in the Child Welfare Services program.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Dr. Alvarez provides psychological assessments and court testimony regarding Child Welfare Services clients and assessments of minors referred by the Child Welfare Services staff. The assessments are necessary to have accurate information with which to make child safety decisions.

Approval of this amendment will increase the contract maximum to \$15,000 in order to compensate the contractor for additional psychological evaluations and court testimonies provided to Napa County Health and Human Services Agency Child Welfare Services clients.

Dr. Alvarez is not a local vendor

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Child Welfare Services

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Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to use this provider. Approval of this action will enable HHSA to continue to utilize the contractor's for psychological evaluations and court testimony associated with the Child Welfare Services program.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This contract is set to automatically renew, and appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, the County will risk having inadequate resources to provide psychological assessments and court testimony regarding Child Welfare Services program clients.
Additional Information:	

**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**

Dr. Alvarez provides psychological assessments and court testimony regarding Child Welfare Services clients and assessments of minors referred by the Child Welfare Services staff. The assessments are necessary to have accurate information with which to make child safety decisions.

Health and Human Services Agency originally contracted with Dr. Alvarez in March, 2010. Approval of this amendment will increase the contract maximum to \$15,000 to enable the contractor to provide additional psychological evaluations and court testimonies for Child Welfare Services clients.

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula