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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director  
Health & Human Services Administration

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

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with James Richard Geisler, Ph.D.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 7754 with James Richard Geisler, Ph.D., increasing the maximum by \$10,000 for a new maximum of \$20,000 to provide psychological evaluations and court-ordered assessments for Child Welfare Services clients.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Dr. Geisler is a licensed psychologist who will provide court-ordered psychological assessments and testimony concerning Child Welfare Services clients. The assessments are necessary to have accurate information with which to make child safety decisions. Approval of the amendment increases the maximum amount due to an increase in the number of referrals this fiscal year.

Dr. Geisler is a local provider.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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Discretionary Justification:	Although court-ordered psychological evaluations and counseling services are mandatory, the selection of the contractor is discretionary. Approval of this amendment will increase the contract maximum to enable the contractor to provide additional psychological evaluation services in the County's Child Welfare Services programs.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreements terminate June 30, 2015, the agreement contains a provision for annual renewal at the County's option. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If the amendment is not approved, the contractor will be unable to provide additional court-ordered psychological evaluation services in the County's Child Welfare Services programs
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. Geisler is a psychologist who has lengthy experience performing psychological evaluations of adults and testifying in court on criminal matters. This same level of expertise is required in juvenile dependency matters. The court orders psychological evaluations to be used in the court's decisions regarding the removal of children from their parents and to determine appropriate services for the parent to be ordered by the judge. There are very few psychologists who can provide these evaluations in Napa County. In some matters such as adoption determinations, the court requires that two psychologists independently perform psychological evaluations on the parent due to the seriousness of permanently severing the parent-child relationship.

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### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leanne Link