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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: Amendment to Agreement with Redwood Children's Services, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6470 with Redwood Children's Services, Inc., revising the Compensation section to reflect an increase in the rates for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and Fiscal Year 2007-2008 for the provision of specialty mental health services to specifically referred clients, with no change to the contract maximum.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Redwood Children's Services provides specialized group home care and mental health services to children with significant mental health needs. Approval of the requested action will revise the contractor's rates for services for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to reflect the State's allowable rates for mental health services. The increases for both fiscal years will be absorbed within the current contract's maximum.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

Redwood Children's Services, Inc. provides mental health services to children with significant mental health needs. Contract services are provided in a residential group home care setting. Children placed at Redwood include dependents of the Napa County Juvenile Court placed by Juvenile Court orders, specific Child Protective Services clients who have a long history of documented mental health needs and have experienced multiple program placements, or clients who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) requiring specialized services in order to benefit from their education pursuant to AB 3632. The County receives funding and is mandated to provide mental health services to students with an IEP specifying the need for such services, and this contractor provides the necessary services to meet that requirement.

Approval of the requested action will revise the contractor's rates for Fiscal Years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 services, to match the State's established Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 rates for mental health services. The contractor had been providing these services at a rate much lower than the State's rates and requested an increase in the rates to accommodate increases in staffing and operating costs.

AB 3632 qualified services are fully funded by a combination of Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State AB 3632 allocation dollars. HHSa sends in claims for AB 3632 services to the State at the actual cost for these services. However, HHSa will not compensate a contractor for more than the State's established rates or their actual cost. Additionally, the Agency will pay the contractor only for those services authorized by the program manager. The costs are fully funded, and approval of today's requested action will allow HHSa to compensate a critical provider of mandated AB 3632 mental health services at a rate not to exceed the State's annually established rates for mental health services, with no change to the contract maximum.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita