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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: Amendments to Agreements with Behavioral Solutions for Children, Inc.(CBH/CSW and TBS)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following amendments with Behavioral Solutions for Children, Inc.:

1. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 6338 increasing the amount by \$50,000 for a new maximum of \$110,000 and revising the Scope of Work to include performance measures for the provision of Therapeutic Behavioral Services within the Children's Behavioral Health Program for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; and
2. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 6450 revising the Scope of Work to include performance measures for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and revising the Table of Compensation to include provider rates for a Certified Behaviorist and a Social Skills Group for the provision of services in Children's Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agreement No. 6338:

Under this contract, Behavioral Solutions for Children provides specialty mental health services to authorized children and youth with serious emotional and/or behavioral problems. Approval of the requested amendment will increase the maximum amount to allow the contractor to be compensated for additional Therapeutic Behavioral Services provided this fiscal year. The requested amendment will also incorporate performance measures for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Agreement No. 6450:

Under this contract, Behavioral Solutions for Children provides individualized intensive, short-term, one-to-one outpatient treatment intervention designed to address an immediate and specific need in the child or youth's life that places the child or youth at risk of placement at a higher level of residential care, or to enable a transition to a lower level of residential care. Approval of the requested amendment will incorporate performance measures for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and revise the Table of Compensation to include provider rates for a Certified Behaviorist and a Social Skills Group.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Mental Health Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	<p>The contractor provides both mandated and discretionary services. The County is mandated by the State Department of Mental Health to provide Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS). In addition, the contractor provides court-ordered non-TBS behavioral services for Child Welfare Services (CWS) clients, and discretionary behavioral services and non-TBS counseling services necessary to maintain clients in their homes rather than a higher-cost inpatient setting.</p> <p>Approval of the requested amendments will allow the County to continue to compensate the contractor for the provision of mandatory and discretionary behavioral services.</p>
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The agreements contain an automatic renewal provision, which allows the County the option to continue these services in the following fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	<p>If the amendment to Agreement No. 6338 is not approved, mandated Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) will not be provided to all clients who qualify for the services, and the County will be unable to incorporate performance and contract monitoring requirements within the contractor's agreement.</p> <p>If the amendment to Agreement No. 6450 is not approved, the contractor will not provide a Certified Behaviorist for the provision of non-TBS behavioral services for Agency clients, Social Skills groups will not be provided, and the Agency will be unable to incorporate performance and contract monitoring requirements within the Scope of Work. If these non-TBS services are not available, some clients will be at greater risk for costlier placement outside of their homes.</p>
Additional Information:	<p>Additional TBS services for Napa County clients will be funded by EPSDT Medi-Cal billing revenues.</p> <p>CWS services provided under Agreement No. 6450 are 100% funded by SB 163 Trust Funds if provided to SB 163 clients, and by 51% CWS Allocation/49% County General Fund if provided to non-SB 163 clients.</p>

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**Agreement No. 6338 (Therapeutic Behavioral Services):**

Under this agreement, Behavioral Solutions for Children provides Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) supplemental specialty mental health services, referred to as Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), for County-authorized children and youth with serious emotional problems who are experiencing a stressful transition or life crisis and who need additional specific short-term support to prevent placement in a group home at Rate Classification Level (RCL) 12 through 14 or in a locked facility for the treatment of mental health needs, or to enable a transition from any of those levels to a lower level of residential care. The TBS program is designed to provide services to full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under age 21 who meet medical necessity criteria and are a member of the certified class, defined as meeting one of the following four criteria:

- | The child/youth is placed in a group home facility of RCL 12 or above and/or a locked treatment facility for the treatment of mental health needs;
- | The child/youth is being considered by the County for placement in a facility described above;
- | The child/youth has undergone at least one emergency psychiatric hospitalization related to the current representing disability within the proceeding 24 months; or
- | The child/youth previously received TBS services while a member of the certified class.

The client must also meet the criteria for needing this service as specified in Department of Mental Health letter 99:03. This agreement with Behavioral Solutions for Children provides assessment, plan development, collateral and direct one-to-one TBS coaching services necessary to accomplish state-mandated requirements. Approval of the requested amendment will incorporate performance measures within the contractor's agreement and revise the compensation to provide additional TBS services for the current fiscal year.

Agreement No. 6450 (Non-TBS Services):

This agreement allows the provider to work with families to address specific behavioral needs of children who are not classified as requiring State-mandated TBS behavioral services. By assisting care providers in the care of difficult children, there is an increased likelihood of these children being able to be successfully maintained in their own homes or own communities. These services are necessary for children who cannot benefit from traditional therapy and require treatment that is more specifically behavior-focused. Approval of the requested amendment will revise the Scope of Work to incorporate performance measures within the contractor's agreement and revise the Table of Compensation to include provider rates for a Certified Behaviorist and a Social Skills Group.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita