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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Agreements with Aldea, Inc. (Independent Living Program, Hispanic Outreach, Individualized Education Plan and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of the following agreements with Aldea, Inc., each for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

1. Agreement for a maximum of \$30,000 to provide mental health services for the Individualized Education Program (IEP);
2. Agreement for a maximum of \$46,000 to provide mental health services for bilingual youth, adolescents, and families of Mexican, Spanish, Hispanic or Latino descent;
3. Agreement for a maximum of \$69,384 to provide services for the Independent Living Program (ILP); and
4. Agreement for a maximum of \$440,000 to provide Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Aldea will provide services for clients of HHSA's mental health and social services programs. The services will include Individualized Education Program (IEP) services for students pursuant to AB 3632, bilingual counseling services for youth, adolescents and families of Mexican, Spanish, Hispanic or Latino descent, Independent Living Program (ILP) skills, and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Behavioral Health

	Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreements terminate June 30, 2006, all of the agreements contain an automatic renewal, which allows the County the option to continue these services into the next fiscal year.
Consequences if not approved:	Mandatory services will not be provided.
Additional Information:	<p><u>Individualized Education Program (IEP)</u>: The County is required to provide mental health services to seriously emotionally disturbed students with individualized education plans ("AB 3632" services). The Governor's budget proposed to repeal this mandate and allow Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPA's) to contract with county mental health agencies to provide these services. The legislature's budget conference committee has rejected the Governor's proposal to repeal the mandate and has proposed to fully fund counties' costs of providing 3632 services.</p> <p><u>Hispanic Outreach</u>: The County's mental health performance contract with the State requires the County to serve prevalent non-English speaking populations in the County. This contract enables the County to provide services to the County's Hispanic population.</p> <p><u>Independent Living Program</u>: The John H. Chaffee Independence Act of 1999 (PL 106-109) requires that HHS provide training in Independent Living Skills to foster care adolescents and emancipated youth aged 16 to 21 years old.</p> <p><u>Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)</u>: The County is required to provide these services to children under 21 meeting EPSDT criteria.</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**

### **Individualized Education Program (IEP):**

Aldea will provide individual and family therapy to non-Medi-Cal eligible 3632 designated children and adolescents. County mental health agencies are responsible for providing mental health assessments to children with special needs referred from school districts. If the mental health assessment indicates that the child needs mental health services to benefit from his/her special education, Napa County Children and Family Behavioral Health is responsible for providing therapy and psychiatric care at no cost to the family. Mental health services provided via AB 3632 are focused on ameliorating the emotional and/or behavioral conditions that impede the child from being involved in his/her education and making meaningful progress toward meeting the child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals. Aldea will provide therapy services as required to meet AB

3632 requirements.

**Hispanic Outreach:**

Aldea provides mental health services on an outpatient basis to monolingual, bilingual, and/or bilingual youth, adolescents, and families of Mexican, Spanish, Hispanic or Latino descent. Services are provided throughout the County and are designed to address the mental health and cultural needs of this group through a community-based organization that is uniquely suited to serving the targeted population.

**Independent Living Program:**

The services provided through this contract previously were contracted to Napa Valley College. The steering committee for the large community-based initiative regarding emancipating foster youth currently being funded by the Gasser Foundation and Wine Auction seeks to effect systemic changes in service delivery to this population. This change in provider is one component of the community-based effort to meet the needs of this population. The decision to contract with Aldea was made in consultation with the steering committee for the Emancipating Youth Committee. The steering committee has the lead responsibility in the implementation of the larger community initiative regarding building a continuum of service for the emancipating foster youth population. The committee consists of members from Probation, Napa Valley Unified School District, Progress Foundation, the Coalition of Non-Profits, Aldea, and private funders.

**Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT):**

Aldea provides EPSDT mental health services in an outpatient setting to Medi-Cal eligible children and youth referred by HHSA. EPSDT services include assessments, plan development, therapy, collateral and psychiatric services. The services must be documented properly, be pre-authorized by the County, and meet the medical necessity requirements of the Short-Doyle Medi-Cal program. Aldea will be compensated on a fee-for-service basis.

The IEP, Hispanic Outreach and EPSDT agreements previously were incorporated into a single agreement with Aldea. HHSA decided that it would be prudent to create separate agreements for each of the services to clarify cost centers for each service component and to convert reimbursement to a fee-for-service basis.

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

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon