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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Actions regarding Touchpoints Trainings

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements regarding Touchpoints trainings:

1. Revenue agreement with First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission for a maximum of \$17,400 for the term June 26, 2006 through June 30, 2007 to fund Touchpoints training activities; and
2. Renewal agreements, each in the amount of \$4,000 and each with the term July 1, 2006 through through June 30, 2007 to provide Touchpoints training:
  - a. Agreement No. 4440 with Napa County Office of Education; and
  - b. Agreement No. 4445 with Ralph Myers, M.D.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Touchpoints is a child development model developed by the well-known pediatrician, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, that focuses on the relationship between child service providers and parents. Napa County received a grant from the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission to provide Touchpoints trainings to community providers.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested agreements is at the Board's discretion. If

approved, however, the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission funding is specifically being provided for the training to be provided by the contractors. Approval of the requested actions will thus enable the Agency to accept the funding and pay for the provision of Touchpoints trainings in Napa County.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: The agreements terminate June 30, 2007.

Consequences if not approved: If these agreements are not approved, Health and Human Services will not receive funding for nor be able to provide Touchpoints training.

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**

The Touchpoints Community Model was developed by Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, a children's pediatrician, who runs a national project at Harvard University. In the past three years, the Public Health Division has provided Touchpoints training to more than 400 providers, who represent a diverse array of services in the community. The Touchpoints model is a strength-based, relational model that promotes respectful and meaningful relationships between providers and families as the foundation of prevention, early identification, and intervention. The ultimate goal is to educate providers on how to build trust from the families they serve to express their vulnerabilities, bring their issues forward, and allow their providers to be a part of their support system during difficult times.

Napa County Office of Education staff and Ralph Myers, M.D., are certified Touchpoints trainers who will be participating, with the two-member HHSA staff training team, in delivering two Touchpoints trainings for child service providers. Local providers may sign up at no cost and are given priority registration. Napa County is compensated for any participants who are sent to Napa County trainings through the National Touchpoints Training Center. To become a Touchpoints trainer, the contractors' trainers attended required trainings at Children's Hospital Child Development Unit in Boston, MA, with Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and his Touchpoints staff. The trainers are experienced in providing services to culturally and linguistically diverse clients. Each trainer will serve 20 new providers.

Napa County Office of Education and Ralph Myers, M.D., are not health care providers for purposes of HIPAA. This position is taken because there is no use or disclosure of protected health information by or to the vendors under these agreements. Therefore, Business Associate agreements are not required.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita