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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
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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 agreements with Behavioral Solutions for Children, Inc.:

1. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6338 incorporating agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions, adding a Specific Term and Condition for cost reporting requirements, revising the Scope of Work to include updated State Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) requirements, and revising the rate of compensation to provide TBS in the Children's Behavioral Health Program for Fiscal Year 2005-2006; and
2. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 6450 (formerly Agreement No. AUD 5590) incorporating agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions, revising the Scope of Work to include additional counseling services, clarifying the billing requirements of the contractor, revising the rate of compensation, and increasing the amount by \$20,500 for a new maximum of \$30,000 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Behavioral Solutions for Children will provide specialty mental health services to authorized children and youth with serious emotional and/or behavioral problems. The contractor will provide 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.

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?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	These agreements provide mandatory 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 Protective Service (CWS) clients. Some discretionary behavioral services and non-TBS counseling services are provided, which are necessary to maintain successful client placement in the home, rather than a higher-cost inpatient setting. The County's Children and Families Behavioral Health and Social Services Programs have budgeted County general fund dollars, in addition to SB 163 and CWS funds, to provide non-TBS behavioral services to youth who can benefit from these services.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreements expire on June 30, 2006, each of the agreements contains an automatic renewal, which allows the County to continue these services into the next fiscal year.
Consequences if not approved:	Mandated Therapeutic Behavioral Services will not be provided. Mandated non-TBS behavioral services for CPS clients will not be provided. In addition, if other non-TBS services are not available, some clients will be at greater risk for placement outside of the home.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Therapeutic Behavioral Services:

The contractor 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 their current

- representing disability within the proceeding 24 months; or
- 1 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 provides assessment, plan development, collateral and direct 1:1 TBS coaching services necessary to accomplish state-mandated requirements. The amendment incorporates agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions, adds cost reporting requirements of the contractor, revises the Scope of Work to incorporate updated State TBS guidelines, and revises the compensation rate for the contractor.

Behavioral Services (Non-TBS) for Children's Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services:

This agreement allows the provider to work with families to address specific behavioral needs of children that are not classified as 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 behaviorally-focused. The amendment incorporates agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions, revises the Scope of Work to include additional counseling services, revises the rate of compensation, increases the maximum compensation and clarifies the billing requirements of the contractor for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. This amendment is presented for approval by the Board since the aggregate dollar amount exceeds the \$50,000 threshold.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon