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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: Actions regarding Touchpoints Trainings

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Amendment No. 1 to revenue Agreement No. 6226 with Napa County Children and Families Commission extending the term through June 30, 2006 to fund Touchpoints training activities; and
2. Amendments extending the term of the following agreements through June 30, 2006 to provide Touchpoints Trainings:
 - a. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4440 with Napa County Office of Education; and
 - b. Amendment No. 1 to 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 Napa County Children and Families Commission to provide Touchpoints trainings to community providers. The amendments extend the terms of the revenue agreement with the First 5 Commission and the trainers' agreements through June 30, 2006.

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:	The Touchpoints Training Program is a discretionary activity funded by Napa County Children and Families Commission. The total amount of funding remaining is \$12,000, which, in addition to providing funds for the contracts with NCOE and Dr. Ralph Myers, funds the cost of Public Health staff time to provide Touchpoints trainings.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreements will terminate June 30, 2006.
Consequences if not approved:	Funding will revert to the Napa County Children and Families Commission.
Additional Information:	None.

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 educate providers on how to build trust from the families they serve to express their vulnerabilities, bring their issues forward, and to allow their providers to be a part of their support system during difficult times.

Napa County received a grant from the Napa County Children and Families Commission to present a specified number of Touchpoints trainings by June 30, 2005. In order to provide the required number of trainings under the grant, the County has requested that the grant termination date be extended to June 30, 2006. This action also will extend the terms of the trainers' contracts to June 30, 2006. There is no change in the dollar amount of either agreement.

Napa County Office of Education staff and Ralph Myers, M.D., are certified Touchpoints trainers who participate with the four-member HHSA staff training team to deliver six local and two national Touchpoints trainings for child service providers. To become a Touchpoints trainer, the contractors attended required trainings at Children's Hospital Child Development Unit in Boston, MA, with Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and his Touchpoints staff. Trainers are experienced in providing services to culturally and linguistically diverse clients. Each trainer will serve 20 new providers.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon