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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: New Agreements for the Mental Health Outpatient Managed Care Program

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements to provide services in the Mental Health Outpatient Managed Care Program:

1. Agreements for a maximum of \$5,000 each for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:
 - a. Agreement with Susan L. Ahart, M.D.,
 - b. Agreement with Nancy A. Burkey, M.D.; and
 - c. Agreement with Gaylon Palmer, LCSW.
2. Business Associate Agreements setting forth the terms and conditions of the Health Insurance Accountability and Portability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule:
 - a. Susan L. Ahart, M.D.,
 - b. Nancy A. Burkey, M.D.; and
 - c. Gaylon Palmer, LCSW.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The contractors provide outpatient mental health services to clients of the Mental Health Outpatient Managed Care program.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Is the general fund affected? No

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:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On April 1, 1998, HHSa implemented the outpatient phase of the Mental Health Managed Care Program. The program is governed by the terms of Agreement No. 4028 with the State Department of Mental Health, regulations promulgated by the federal Medicaid and California Medi-Cal programs, and by a provider operations manual developed by HHSa staff and reviewed by County Counsel. HHSa is able to bill Medi-Cal for services performed by providers and receives approximately 50% federal reimbursement for those services. Remaining costs are funded by a state managed care allocation.

The network of providers includes Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT's), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW's) and Masters-prepared Psychiatric Nurses. Currently the managed care program has approximately 250-300 clients whom the providers treat on a regular basis. The program requires county contracts (defined as subcontracts in the state agreement) with individual providers in the program.

This item also includes Business Associate Agreements setting forth the Health Insurance Accountability and Portability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations to which the contractors are subject. These agreements provides the County with assurances that the contractors will comply with any and all HIPAA requirements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon