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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Alice Hughey for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 4 to Agreements with Behavioral Solutions for Children, Inc. (TBS)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 6338 with Behavioral Solutions for Children, Inc., increasing the amount by \$80,000 for a new maximum of \$190,000 and increasing the hourly rate for Therapeutic Behavioral Services for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under this contract, Behavioral Solutions for Children provides specialty mental health services to authorized children and youth with serious emotional and/or behavioral problems. Approval of the requested action will increase the contract maximum. It will also revise the compensation to provide for an increase in the hourly rate for Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) for the current fiscal year, to match the State's allowable rates established for TBS services for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to have this specific contract. However, the County receives funding and is mandated by the State Department of Mental Health to provide Therapeutic

Behavioral Services (TBS) to eligible clients, and this contractor provides the necessary services to meet that requirement. TBS is designed to prevent placement of seriously emotionally disturbed children and youth in high-cost inpatient settings or to transition them from an inpatient setting back to their homes. Approval of the requested action will revise the compensation to provide for an increase in the hourly rate for Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) for the current fiscal year, to match the State's allowable rates established for TBS services for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) are fully funded by a combination of Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP) and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) dollars (children's Medi-Cal). There is no County dollar in this program.

Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement contains an automatic annual renewal provision, which allows the County the option to continue these services in the following fiscal year. Appropriations are included in the current fiscal year budget and have been included in the Mental Health requested budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Appropriations for future fiscal years will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If the requested action is not approved, mandated Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) will not be provided to all clients who qualify for the services, and the County will be unable to compensate the contractor at the State's established rates for these services.
Additional Information:	HHSA bills Medi-Cal services, including TBS services, to the State at the maximum rate the State will pay for these services—the Schedule of Maximum Allowances or SMA. Under the SMA, HHSA can pay as much as \$2.61 per minute for TBS services. Yet, in the past HHSA has only paid Behavioral Solutions \$1.08 per minute for these services. The costs are fully funded, and approval of the requested action will allow HHSA to compensate a critical provider of mandated TBS mental health services.

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

Under this agreement, Behavioral Solutions for Children provides Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) supplemental specialty mental health services. These services, referred to as Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), are provided to County-authorized children and youth with serious emotional problems and who are experiencing a stressful transition or life crisis. TBS participants 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. TBS may also 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 the current representing disability within the proceeding 24 months; or
- | 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. The agreement with Behavioral Solutions for Children provides assessment, plan development, collateral and direct one-to-one TBS coaching services necessary to accomplish state-mandated requirements. Approval of the requested action will increase the contract maximum and revise the compensation to provide for an increase in the hourly rate for TBS services in the current fiscal year to match the State's allowable rates established for TBS.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita