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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Agreement with J. Richard Geisler, Ph.D.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 2939 with J. Richard Geisler, Ph.D., incorporating agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions and increasing the amount by \$4,310 for a new maximum of \$18,000 to provide conservatorship investigation services to clients of the Behavioral Health Program.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Dr. Geisler provides investigation services for temporary, Murphy or permanent conservatorships. Services include consultation, client interviews, review of medical and psychiatric records, report preparation, and court appearances as necessary. The amendment incorporates agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions and increases the reimbursement rate and maximum dollar amount for services this fiscal year.

### **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?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2006, the agreement contains an automatic renewal, which enables the County to continue these services into the next fiscal year.

Consequences if not approved: Mandatory services will not be provided.

Additional Information: None.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Welfare and Institutions Code (Sections 5350 and 5352) requires that the County provide an officer to investigate requests for conservatorship of mentally ill persons who are thought by their caretakers to be gravely disabled. Through this agreement, Dr. Geisler will investigate requests for conservatorship and provide recommendations to the court as to whether conservatorship is needed. Conservatorship investigations are necessary to provide the courts with the comprehensive information they need to make critical decisions regarding mentally ill persons' need for conservatorship. They also are necessary to ensure individualized treatment, supervision and placement for severely mentally ill persons unwilling to accept, or incapable of accepting, treatment voluntarily.

The amendment incorporates agency-wide changes to the General Terms and Conditions and increases the maximum dollar amount due to both an agency-wide increase in provider rates and an increase in referrals to this contractor.

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

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon