



## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Actions regarding Inge Asman, LCSW (Managed Care)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements with Inge Asman, LCSW, for the term July 25, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

1. Agreement for a maximum of \$5,000 to provide services in the Mental Health Outpatient Managed Care Program; and
2. Business Associate Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of the requested actions will enable the contractor to provide mandated 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?	Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2007, the agreement contains an automatic renewal provision, which allows the County the option to continue

these services in the following fiscal year.

Consequences if not approved: If this agreement is not approved, HHSa will not be able to provide mandatory counseling services through this provider.

Additional Information: Currently, the HHSa Managed Care Provider Network consists of 59 contract providers that treat approximately 350-400 Napa County clients.

### **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**

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. 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 (MFTs), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), and Masters-prepared Psychiatric Nurses. Currently, the managed care program has 350-400 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. The individual provider counsels clients participating in the program.

The approval of a Business Associate Agreement with the contractor is also requested. This Agreement binds the contractor to the observance and compliance with any and all Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations and requirements.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita