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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 4724 with Locumtenens.com, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 4724 with Locumtenens.com, Inc., revising the daily rate for psychiatric services provided in the mental health program, with no change to the contract maximum.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County is obligated to maintain appropriate staffing levels to provide necessary psychiatric services to children and adults in accordance with the terms of the Department of Mental Health contract. Locumtenens.com, Inc. provides recruitment services for temporary and/or permanent placements of licensed psychiatrists for vacant staff psychiatrist positions at HHSA, as needed. Approval of the requested amendment will revise the contractor's daily rate from \$920 per day to \$1,000 per day for an adult psychiatrist and to \$1,050 per day for a child psychiatrist, with no change to the contract's maximum.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

Locumtenens.com, Inc. employs professionally licensed staff who provide direct medication services to clients of the Children's Behavioral Health program and the Adult Mental Health program. In addition, Locumtenens.com psychiatrists provide consultation to non-medical staff regarding medical issues involving specific clients, participate in interdisciplinary staff case conferences, and represent the medical discipline in administrative oversight activities mandated by mental health or Medi-Cal regulations, including Quality Assurance and Professional Practice reviews.

Approval of the requested action revises the contractor's daily rate for temporary adult and child psychiatrist placements. The increases in the daily rate will be absorbed within the approved contract maximum. The agreement with Locumtenens.com also includes recruitment provisions and a placement fee of \$18,000 per psychiatrist placed at HHSA. If a physician who is hired by HHSA fails to commence the practice as agreed or leaves with or without cause within six months, Locumtenens.com will refund the entire \$18,000 placement fee or recruit a replacement candidate within ninety (90) days at no additional charge.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita