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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer  
Probation

**REPORT BY:** Ferlyn Buenafe, Staff Services Manager - 707.253.4126

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. for the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a rate of \$187.19 per day for Community Treatment Facility (CTF) Supplement and \$353.79 for the Residential Classification Level (RCL) 14 group home rate to provide treatment services for juvenile youth who have had repeated psychiatric hospitalization and placement failures.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. (Star View) is a special class treatment and residential facility designed to meet the needs of severely emotionally disturbed children. Star View operates a secured residential facility, known as community treatment facility (CTF) that provides mental health treatment to children ages 12 to 18 at the highest categorized group home level of care. The highest level is 14, reserved for children with severe emotional and developmental issues.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Majority of the revenue source will be from General Fund; however there is some State and Federal offset to the residential services provided by Star View.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: There are only a couple mental health treatment facilities in the State that provides intensive day treatment services to severely emotionally disturbed youth. Star View is an alternative to repeated psychiatric hospitalizations and placement failures. This level of program is only used for the highest risk mentally ill youth that have no other placement options.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The department expects costs incurred for Star View during fiscal year 2017-2018 only with a contract maximum of \$130,000.

Consequences if not approved: If the Agreement is not approved, severely emotionally disturbed youth will not receive the necessary mental health treatment services. The department's Juvenile does not have resources to provide adequate mental health services to youth.

Additional Information:

### **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**

Star View's locked Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and Community Treatment Facility (CTF) offer alternatives to repeated psychiatric hospitalization and placement failures. The PHF is utilized for psychiatric evaluation and acute services for children who are placed in the CTF, prior to transition to the CTF, and for CTF residents who experience an acute crisis. Typically, PHF services are a covered Medi-Cal benefit for the youth population. A youth can be placed in a PHF or CTF depending on medical treatment needed. Billing for the PHF will not be the responsibility of the Probation department.

This agreement allows contracted services for only CTF services to provide a comprehensive intensive residential program to youth who otherwise would need to be placed in psychiatric hospitals, or would experience repeated placement failure and juvenile hall stays. Services include 24-hour nursing care, activity program, treatment, case management, rehabilitation and psychiatric services. The department anticipates contracting with Star View for the current fiscal year only with billing rates shown below that do not include any Federal or State revenue offsets.

- | CTF Supplement: \$187.19 / day
- | Group Home Rate Classification Level (RCL) 14: 353.79 / day

Star View is a comprehensive residential program developed in partnership with the Los Angeles County Departments of Mental Health and Child Family Services to provide the highest level of integrated treatment services for youth who cannot live safely in family homes or a lower level group care because of the nature and severity of the youth's emotional and behavioral problems; provide strength-based, family-centered, culturally relevant and individualized services to enable the youth to transition to a more normalized, less restrictive living situation; provide specific, need-based remedial experiences allowing the youth to reach normal developmental milestones; and provide intensive day treatment services 7 days/week.

This program will only be used for the highest risk mentally ill youth that cannot safely be housed in a less restrictive placement.

The department expects costs not to exceed \$130,000.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi