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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:** Actions regarding Pamela Walton, MFT (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 Pamela Walton, MFT, for the term August 9, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

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 Accountability and Portability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The contractor will provide 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?	Behavioral Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2006, the agreement contains an automatic renewal, which allows the County the option 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**

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 and reviewed by County Counsel. 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 approximately 250-300 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.

This item also includes a Business Associate Agreement setting forth the Health Insurance Accountability and Portability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations to which the contractors are subject. This agreement provides the County with assurances that the contractor will comply with any and all HIPAA requirements.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon