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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. 6232 with Sunny Hills Services, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 6232 with Sunny Hills Services, Inc., incorporating specific terms and conditions regarding compliance requirements, revising the Scope of Work to include performance measures, and revising the compensation section to incorporate billing requirements for the contractor to provide medically necessary mental health services to Napa County children and youth, with no change to the contract maximum.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Sunny Hills Services, Inc. provides services to severely emotionally disturbed (SED) children and adolescents who require placement and mental health services at a Rate Classification Level (RCL) 12 group home. Approval of the requested amendment will incorporate compliance requirements, performance measures, and include billing standards so that HHSA can begin billing Medi-Cal for the contractor's services provided this fiscal year. The requested amendment will not change the contract 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

Sunny Hills Services provides specialty mental health services to severely emotionally disturbed (SED) children and adolescents who require placement and mental health services at a Rate Classification Level (RCL) 12 group home. The California Department of Social Services determines the RCL rates for nonprofit group homes that are utilized for AFDC-FC (foster care) placements. The levels range from 0-14, the higher levels indicating a higher number of program components of California Children's Services, Social Work, and Mental Health activities (as opposed to simple board and care functions).

Sunny Hills also provides Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), which is an individualized intensive, short-term, one-to-one, supplementary outpatient treatment intervention. These services are offered to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in conjunction with other mental health services and are designed to address specific behaviors or symptoms that place the child or youth at risk of placement at a higher level of residential care or psychiatric hospitalization. The services are provided to Napa County children and youth in residential settings and in the community.

All children seen by Sunny Hills are eligible for the "3632" program (mental health services for children to enable them to benefit from their education). Some of these children are also Medi-Cal eligible. The requested amendment, if approved, will enable HHSA to bill Medi-Cal for services provided to the latter group. Previously, these services were being billed through the SB 90 claim (state reimbursement for unfunded state mandates). SB 90 is intended to be a pay source of last resort. It is therefore appropriate for the County to bill Medi-Cal for all eligible services instead of billing through SB 90. HHSA will certify that Sunny Hills has met all necessary requirements for Medi-Cal billing before billing begins.

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita