

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Health Agency-Behavioral Health/Mental Health	(2) MEETING DATE July 18, 2006	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Karen Baylor, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Administrator (805) 781-4734	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the FY 2006-07 contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Office of Education for the Health Agency's Behavioral Health to provide specialty mental health services to AB3632 eligible children in County Emotionally Disturbed classes.			
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST Under this contract, Behavioral Health will provide specialty mental health services to students in four north county Emotionally Disturbed (ED) classes. Services will include individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management/consultation services, crisis intervention and availability of clinic-based medication support. This collaborative effort between the County Office of Education and Behavioral Health addresses the needs of the north county youth ED population with the goal of reversing the increasing number of children requiring the intensive Vicente Program, foster and group home placement, as well as the number of children placed on home/independent study. The additional support systems will help emotionally disturbed students be more successful in meeting their educational goals.			
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the FY 2006-07 contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Office of Education for Behavioral Health to provide specialty mental health services to AB3632 eligible children in County Emotionally Disturbed classes.			
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal/EPSDT IDEA Funds County Office of Education	(8) CURRENT YEAR COST \$456,978	(9) ANNUAL COST \$456,978	(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): County Counsel has reviewed the contract as to form and legal effect.			
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? <u> 2 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help			
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All	(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)	(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____ N/A	(21) W-9 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;"> OK Dan Buehler </div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 20px;"> 7-18-06 B-25 </div>			

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO



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Karen Baylor, MFT
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DATE: July 18, 2006

SUBJECT: Request to approve a contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Office of Education for the Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department to provide specialty mental health services to eligible school children in FY 2006-07

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Office of Education for the Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department to provide specialty mental health services to eligible school children in FY 2006-07.

DISCUSSION

The Health Agency's Behavioral Health Services Department proposes to enter into a contract with San Luis Obispo County Office of Education to provide specialty mental health services to students in four north county Emotionally Disturbed (ED) classes. Schools scheduled to participate in the program are Daniel Lewis Middle School in Paso Robles, Shandon High School, Monterey Road Elementary School in Atascadero, and Atascadero High School. Services to be provided by Behavioral Health include individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management/consultation services, crisis intervention, and availability of clinic-based medication support.

Specialty mental health services to ED classes are currently being provided in San Luis Coastal and Lucia Mar School Districts. This contract with the County Office of Education would expand those services to the north county where school districts have not been able to meet service demands in ED classes. The high rate of referrals to the Vicente outpatient clinic, group homes, and foster homes reflects the need for enhanced school and mental health supports for children and families residing in the north county. This collaborative effort between the Office of Education and Behavioral Health addresses the needs of the north county ED youth population with the goal of reversing the increasing number of children requiring the intensive Vicente Program, foster and group home placement, both in and out of the county, as well as the number of children placed on home/independent study.

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A working team comprised of two full-time Mental Health Therapists, four Behavioral Specialists (hired by Behavioral Health under contract with Family Care Network), and Office of Education staff, will coordinate services as specified in each child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Each of four ED classrooms will receive .5 FTE Mental Health Therapist and 1 FTE Behavioral Specialist dedicated time. These professionals will provide support to the educational milieu through rehabilitation services, case management activities, and implementation of a behavior modification system. Office of Education staff will provide academic instruction. The team will work closely under joint supervision to coordinate all aspects of the program to ensure its clinical integrity. The additional support systems will help these emotionally disturbed students be more successful in meeting their educational goals.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The County Office of Education and the four individual schools listed above are all integrally involved in this program. County Counsel has reviewed the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The total budgeted cost of this program is \$456,978, which is expected to be fully offset by state revenues (Medi-Cal/EPSDT), and County Office of Education funds. The majority of the funding (\$361,175) will be from Medi-Cal/EPSDT billings. A relatively small additional amount of revenue (\$20,029) will be derived from another state source for those youth with I.E.P.s that do not qualify for Medi-Cal. The County Office of Education will reimburse the County for the balance (\$75,774), which will cover the local match portion of Medi-Cal/EPSDT billed services, the associated unreimbursed Medi-Cal administrative costs and the total cost for youth ineligible for Medi-Cal/EPSDT or other state funding.

RESULTS

The primary goal of the program is to help children remain in their homes, school, and community. Measurable outcomes chosen for this new program will reflect that goal and the department's overall goals and performance measures to help mentally ill individuals be as functional and productive as possible in the least restrictive and least costly environments. Performance measures set for the program are as follows:

1. 95% of children/youth receiving services will remain in their current home environment.
2. Children/youth receiving services will increase school attendance by at least 10% over the prior school year.
3. For those children/youth served, average school suspensions will decrease by at least 20% compared to the prior school year.
4. For those children/youth served, inpatient psychiatric hospitalization will be avoided 100% of the time.

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