



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

File #: 20-1053, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: November 17, 2020

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Barbara Prosniewski, Ph.D. in the Amount of \$25,000 to Provide Psychological Evaluations, Consultation, and Expert Testimony for the Health and Human Services Agency, Family and Children's Services, Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive Agreement with Barbara Prosniewski, Ph.D. in the amount of \$25,000 to provide psychological evaluations, consultation, and expert testimony for the Health and Human Services Agency, Family and Children's Services, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; authorize Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not exceed the annual maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None

Summary of Request:

Barbara Prosniewski, Ph.D. provides psychological evaluations to assist with treatment and service planning, when needed, for Family and Children's Services clients with complex mental health disorders. Dr. Prosniewski also provides expert testimony as required in Juvenile Dependency court cases pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 361.5(b)(2) when a parent is suffering from a mental disability that renders them incapable of utilizing family reunification services.

Due to COVID-19, workload priorities have shifted daily to cover program operations, changing program operational needs, filling in for staffing gaps and reassessing services provided under contracts to determine what services are able to continue and in what manner to comply with Federal, State and Local requirements. This has taken time away from standard review of contracts and has necessitated additional time in contract preparation to plan for a variety of service needs and service delivery methods due to future uncertainty as to what may be permitted and when. This process necessitated a retroactive Agreement.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Federal, State and Realignment

current f/y cost: \$25,000

annual recurring cost: \$25,000

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: No

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Daugherty, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 20-153

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements

Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?

No

