



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: December 8, 2020

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Esther Siegel, LMFT in the Amount of \$5,000 to Provide Mental Health Therapy Services Not Covered by Medi-Cal or Other Insurance For Court-Ordered Clients of 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 Esther Siegel, LMFT in the amount of \$5,000 to provide mental health therapy services not covered by Medi-Cal or other insurance for court-ordered clients of 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:

N/A

Summary of Request:

Esther Siegel has been providing therapy services not covered by Medi-Cal or other insurance to specific Family and Children's Services clients as part of their court-ordered case plans to support reunification of children in foster care to their families. Ms. Siegel provides individual and family counseling sessions and completes progress reports which are used by the social worker to update the court on the client's progress and readiness for reunification and/or case closure.

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, Realignment

current f/y cost: \$5,000

annual recurring cost: \$5,000

budget clarification:

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: No

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: DECEMBER 9, 2020

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements
Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to
Auditor? No

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 20-164

