



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: March 25, 2013
Board Meeting Date: April 23, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Beverly Beasley Johnson, JD., Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Amendment to the Agreement with Robin Press, Ph.D.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with Robin Press, Ph.D. to continue providing mental health assessments and psychological evaluations, increasing the amount by \$20,000 to \$120,000.

BACKGROUND:

On June 29, 2010, the County Manager's Office approved Agreement # 74200-11-C065 authorizing Dr. Press to provide mental health assessments and psychological evaluations for Children and Family Services (CFS) clients. Dr. Press has been providing these services for CFS for several years by assessing a parent's capacity to parent, considering substance abuse problems or mental health problems, the parent's ability to protect the child from a perpetrator, and/or the parent's ability to manage a difficult child. For assessments in regards to children, the evaluation focuses on the type of treatment the child needs.

DISCUSSION:

This Amendment adds funds to the Agreement in the amount of \$20,000 bringing the total Agreement to \$120,000 to pay for anticipated invoices and to continue services until the end of the Agreement term, June 30, 2013. This Amendment is necessary because based on the analysis of services provided over the last six months, it appears that there is an increase in demand for mental health evaluations from this provider and additionally there has been a 14.2% increase in the number of child abuse referrals from last year. The Human Services Agency (HSA) currently utilizes contracted psychological evaluators to provide mental health evaluation to Children and Family Services clients. This service is not available in any other county department, including Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. HSA is currently conducting a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for FY 2013-14 services.

The Contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Amendment and Resolution as to form and the Contractor meets the insurance certification requirement.

Approval of this Amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing mental health evaluations to child welfare clients to ensure that children and families involved in the child welfare system receive appropriate mental health and case management services. It is anticipated that 90% of those receiving mental health evaluations will also receive case management services to help maintain or reunite with their families.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Projected
Percentage of Children and Family Services clients receiving mental health evaluations that are referred for services.	90%	N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this Amendment to the Agreement remains the same, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. The amended amount is \$20,000 for a new total of \$120,000, of the amended amount, 92% or \$18,400 is funded through State and Federal Child Welfare Services Revenue and 8% or \$1,600 is Net County Cost. Funds have been included in the FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget.