

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 3/10/04
Department Name: Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Casa Pacifica Contract Amendment for FY 03-04

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute a contract amendment, with Casa Pacifica, (a local provider), to provide additional appropriate efficient and effective services to children with Emotional Disturbances. The contract amendment is for the amount of \$285,000, and pertains to the period from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004. The amendment results in a new maximum contract amount of \$1,018,333.
- B. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contract, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

ADMHS is amending the existing contract with Casa Pacifica in the amount of \$285,000, for services to be provided during the period from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004. Most of the requested funds will support Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) rendered to MediCal eligible children who are, receiving other Mental Health services and are at-risk of being moved out of the community into institutional care. TBS is a relatively new mandated entitlement Medi-Cal service. It is designed to keep seriously disturbed and acting out children in the community, receiving intensive "shadowing," services that enables children and families to stay together. Thus reducing the need for high cost out-of-county residential care.

The need for additional funding for Casa Pacifica is primarily the result of a very high demand for TBS services. This high demand occurred during what was anticipated to be a slow start-up period for the program and highlights a previously unmet need in the therapeutic community for behavioral services targeting the at-risk population.

Your Board is now requested to approve the amendment to the Casa Pacifica contract in the amount of \$285,000. Approval of this contract will allow for continued TBS and other mental health services through Casa Pacifica, meeting the needs of many of the County's mentally ill youth keeping them at home, in school and out of trouble.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600. Casa Pacifica is currently serving more than 125 children in their Countywide programs providing Case Management and Mental Health Services, Medication Support, Crisis Intervention and Day Rehabilitation.

Therapeutic Behavioral Services are mandated through a May 11, 2001, United States District Court Judgment and Permanent Injunction in the case of Emily Q. v. Bonta. This case requires that all Medi-Cal eligible youth receive these TBS services before any out-of-home placement is considered.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This contract has no impact on County facilities.

The new maximum value for this contract is \$1,018,333, for a 12-month period. This amount is based on a projection for utilization of this new resource and what appears to be a profound need in the community for this type of service. Funding for the additional \$285,000 will be provided by Medi-Cal Revenues and Realignment Funds where appropriate. There will be no impact on the General Fund.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a fully executed signature page and one (1) copy of the minute order to:

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Concurrence:

County Counsel
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