



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: ADMHS  
Department No.: 043  
For Agenda Of: 4-17-07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Douglas C. Barton, Interim Director  
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services  
805-681-5220  
Contact Info: Marianne Garrity, ADMHS Assistant Director,  
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**SUBJECT: Child Abuse Listening and Mediation, Inc. Amendment FY 06/07**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute a contract amendment with Child Abuse Listening and Mediation, Inc. (a local vendor) for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 to provide services to severely emotionally disturbed youth in Santa Barbara County, in the amount of \$150,000, for a total contract in the amount of \$1,355,973.
2. 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.

**Summary Text:**

CALM provides services which include family therapy, individual therapy, intensive in-home therapeutic and therapeutic foster care services. This contract amendment in the amount of \$150,000 will provide child and family specialists to participate in the SPIRIT program, an alternative to out of home placement of children who are severely emotionally disturbed. These services are Medi-Cal and Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) reimbursable expenses.

**Background:**

Child Abuse Listening and Mediation, Inc. (CALM) has provided children's mental health services for Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) for nine years. The SPIRIT program provides wraparound services which are individualized intensive support services designed to meet the unique needs of each child and their family. The program enables children to remain in their family unit and community, thereby avoiding more costly services in a higher level of care or out of home placement, such as juvenile hall or out of county hospitals. The SPIRIT program will be based in ADMHS clinics and provide community-based mental health and substance abuse services for seriously emotionally disturbed children and youth up to age 21 and their families 24 hours/7 days a week.

This contract amendment with CALM will provide child and family specialist staff to participate on three teams, one in each of the three county mental health facilities. The child and family specialists are integral to the SPIRIT teams which will be comprised of a psychiatrist, a licensed mental health practitioner, a recovery assistant (parent-partner), peer mentors and a child and family specialist. In addition, interagency staff from Probation, Child Welfare Services, and Public Health will be co-located at those sites to work with the SPIRIT program. The SPIRIT program will have a minimum of one staff member who is bicultural and bilingual.

**Performance Measure:**

Approval of the recommended action will assist ADMHS in meeting the following **Recurring Performance Measures:**

**RPM 0230**, to provide effective mental health care to 2,450 seriously emotionally disturbed children receiving mental health services.

CALM serves over 450 children and 130 parents annually and assesses an additional 200 clients on a short term basis. In an effort to reduce admission to a higher level of care, the SPIRIT program will serve 75 additional clients who may be un-served or underserved (receiving other services within the system).

General outcomes, in addition to specific outcomes developed for the program will be measured, including: 1) maintaining children in their homes; 2) returning children placed out-of-home and out-of-county to a safe and stable living environment; 3) improve the quality of life of children; 4) reduce the number of days of juvenile hall detention and jail bookings; and 5) reduce the number of hospitalizations and acute care episodes. CALM will use industry standard measure instruments and report their outcomes regularly.

Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State - EPSDT	\$ 677,986.00	\$ 677,986.00	
Federal - Medi-Cal (FFP)	\$ 677,987.00	\$ 677,987.00	
Fees			
Other:	\$ -		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,355,973.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,355,973.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Narrative:

This CALM contract amendment will be funded by a combination of Medi-Cal and EPSDT. These funding sources are identified in the FY 2006-07 Adopted Budget, Charges for Services, Medi-Cal Revenue line item 5404 and EPSDT Revenue line item 5405. The proposed expenditures are included in Professional and Special Service line item 7460 in the County Budget book, Children’s Mental Health Programs division (page D-154).

Execution of this amendment will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

These actions will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

N/A

**FTEs:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of the contract and endorsed minute order to:  
 Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services  
 ATTN: Contracts Office  
 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 3  
 Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**Attachments:**

FY 06/07 CALM Amendment

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**cc:**