

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 05/17/2004  
**Department Name:** Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** 06/01/2004  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director  
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

**STAFF CONTACT:** Carrie Topliffe, ADMHS Assistant Director - Administration  
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**SUBJECT:** Child Abuse Listening and Mediation and Kindred Pharmacy Services contract Amendments

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute an amendment to the Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (a local vendor) contract, in the amount of \$100,000 for the remaining term of the existing contract, dated July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, resulting in a new contract amount not to exceed \$775,688.
- B. Approve and execute an amendment to the Kindred Pharmacy Services (not a local vendor) contract, in the amount of \$46,000 for the remaining term of the existing contract, dated July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, resulting in a new contract amount not to exceed \$158,000.

**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:**

Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM) provides mental health treatment services to Medi-Cal eligible children experiencing severe emotional disturbances (SED). These services include family therapy, individual therapy, school based therapy and therapeutic foster care treatment. Family therapy focuses on the needs of the individual in relation to their family. Individual therapy is designed to provide a goal

directed therapeutic intervention with the patient which focuses on the patient's mental health needs. School based services are those Medi-Cal eligible services provided to the client in a school environment. Therapeutic foster care treatment provides therapeutic treatment services to children in foster care that will aid them in maintaining their placement. The services provided to children under this contract are reimbursable through state Medi-Cal funding.

Kindred Pharmacy Services, previously known as Vencare, provides psychotropic and other medication prescribed to Medi-Cal eligible and indigent clients who exhibit medical necessity, both in our Psychiatric Health Facility and outside clinics as well. ADMHS has experienced a significant increase in clients needing psychotropic medication as well as significant increases in overall medical and medication costs.

Your Board is now requested to approve an amendment for CALM in the amount of \$100,000, to continue treatment funding for Santa Barbara County children experiencing SED. Your Board is also requested to approve an amendment for Kindred Pharmacy Services in the amount of \$46,000, for continued pharmacy services to Santa Barbara County residents with medical/psychiatric needs.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

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

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The recommended action has no impact on the General Fund Contribution. The funding source for the CALM contract is from state Medi-Cal/EPSDT revenues reimbursed to the county. This funding source is identified in the Adopted FY2003-04, Budget, line item 7460, in the Children's Services Division, page D-150. The Kindred Pharmacy Services amounts are split between realignment funds and Medi-Cal revenue and can be found on page D-142, in the Adult Services Division.

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

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) fully executed amendment and endorsed minute order to:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services  
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**Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller  
Risk Management