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DATE: November 13, 2023

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Tiffany Schmid, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Olivia Byron-Cooper, Director of Health & Human Services Agency *OBC*

SUBJECT: Retroactive Renewal of Agreement for Services – 23-2114, 12/12/23  
Behavioral Health Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for Youth,  
Amendment I 7928, 7937, 7938, 7940, 7944

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This memo is to notify you that retroactive Amendment I for the below Agreements for Behavioral Health Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for Youth has been requested by the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Behavioral Health Division and is on the Board of Supervisor's Agenda for 12/12/2023 (File ID: 23-2114):

- New Morning Youth and Family Services, Inc., Agreement 7928;
- Summitview Child and Family Services, Inc., Agreement 7937;
- Summitview Child and Family Services, Inc., Agreement 7938;
- Sierra Child & Family Services, Inc., Agreement 7940; and
- Stanford Youth Solutions dba Stanford Sierra Youth & Families Agreement 7944.

Beginning in early 2023, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) developed program and payment reform across the Medi-Cal program, called the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative. CalAIM is the State's comprehensive plan to transform the Medi-Cal program and enable it to work more seamlessly with other social services. Under CalAIM, DHCS added new programs and make important reforms to many existing Medi-Cal programs, including SMHS, Substance Use Disorder (SUD), and Residential Treatment Programs, to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal eligible individuals.

After receiving boilerplate templates for SMHS services from DHCS in April 2023, multiple HHS divisions worked together to develop drastically different contracts which were executed on August 15, 2023. It was only after implementation and invoice processing that several items were identified requiring amending of the contract. One of these items is to add language allowing the provider to continue using *Non-Mental Health Supportive Services and Goods* (Flex Funds) which had been included in previous SMHS contracts but was not part of the DHCS boilerplate from which the new contracts were developed.

Other fiscal changes have been identified that impact billing for Medi-Cal Reimbursable services including an expanded list of Rates allowing different billing taxonomy and billing units beyond the “15 minutes” in the previously executed contract.

The request is being made in order to pay pending invoices for Fiscal Year 2023/24 services required by the DHCS and provided by the vendor. The unforeseen issues to the contract language regarding fiscal processing and Medi-Cal billing was only identified after the initial round of invoices were reviewed.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.