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DATE: February 17, 2023

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Cc: Don Ashton, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tiffany Schmid, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

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

SUBJECT: Retroactive Agreement for Services Notification – Item 23-0186, 03/14/23  
Sierra Child and Family Services, Agreement 6989

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This memo is to notify you that a retroactive contract request has been created and is on the Board of Supervisor's Agenda for March 14, 2023 (File ID: 23-0186). HHS staff work to minimize these requests where we can control. Specific to this situation, a retroactive contract was unavoidable, and I wanted to provide you with the background context.

Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funding was awarded to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in 2014 for the development of First Episode Psychosis services, and later expanded to support Dialectical Behavioral Therapy services for Adults and Older Adults with a serious mental illness and children with a serious emotional disturbance.

At the Board of Supervisors regular meeting on January 14, 2020 (File ID: 19-1461), Sierra Child and Family Services was awarded the contract (4342) to provide Dialectical Behavioral Therapy and First Episode Psychosis services through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Due to the nature of services and need to continue provider/client care without interruption they have maintained subsequent contracts (5012, 5417).

The application for funding to be applied for Fiscal Year 2022-2024 was sent by DHCS in late May 2022. The completed MHBG application was submitted to DHCS by the deadline on June 2, 2022. Award confirmation was received August 8, 2022.

Agreement for Services 6989 has a retroactive term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Any laps in services can be detrimental to the treatment of individuals needing this level of care.

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