



## Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment I to Agreement for Services 4271 with Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc., for the provision of student outreach and engagement centers and mental health supports, which increases the maximum contractual obligation by \$42,000 for a new maximum obligation of \$478,000 effective upon execution, with no change to the original term of October 22, 2019 through June 30, 2021;
- 2) Make findings in accordance with County Ordinance 3.13.030 that it is appropriate to contract with Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc., for services provided under this Agreement 4271 because (B) "Specialty skills and qualifications not expressly identified in classifications are involved in the performance of the work;" and
- 3) Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 4271, including amendments which do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the Agreement, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

**FUNDING:** 100% State Funding: Mental Health Services Act Funding.

**DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:**

California voters passed Proposition 63 (MHSA), in November 2004 and MHSA was enacted into law January 1, 2005. MHSA imposes a one percent (1%) tax on personal income above \$1,000,000. The funds are distributed to the counties throughout the State and are intended to transform the mental health system into one that is focused on wellness, recovery, and resiliency.

Under MHSA, each county is required to develop a Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan (Plan), followed by two subsequent years of Annual Updates to the original Plan. The purpose of the Annual Update is to review existing projects and to make deletions, modifications, or additions to the original Plan. Therefore, planning, implementing, and updating each Plan and Annual Update is an ongoing, annual process.

Community Services and Supports (CSS) is one component of the MHSA. The Student Wellness Centers and Mental Health Supports Project is a two-year CSS pilot project that provides a licensed, waived, or registered mental health professional and a mental health assistant at El Dorado High School, Ponderosa High School, Oak Ridge High School, Union Mine High School, and Independence High School. The project was implemented in October 2019. This Amendment adds Golden Sierra High School. Services include mental health assessments, outreach and engagement, linkage to community services, classroom activities, and collaboration and training with parents and district staff.

Sierra Child and Family Services is a community partner that has contracted with the County since 2006. Their mission is to provide excellent mental health, foster, and adoptive services for children and families. Their experience and ongoing collaboration with the County will provide a robust pilot project.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Procurement Policy C-17, Section 7.11, the contractor selection process for service contracts in excess of \$100,000 must include a review of the scope of services and contractor's professional qualifications by a group of individuals (including at least one representative from outside the department requesting the services) qualified to judge the contractor's ability to perform the services. The Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has documentation on file that such a review was performed for Agreement 4271 with Sierra Child and Family Services.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should the Board decline to approve this recommendation, HHSA would be out of compliance with the MHSA FY 2019-20 Annual Update and the MHSA FY 2020-21 through FY 2022-23 Program and Expenditure Plan.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:**

- 1) 06/25/19, 19-0936, MHSA FY 2019-20 Annual Update
- 2) 06/09/20, 20-0446, MHSA FY 2020-21 - FY 2022-23 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan

**OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Approved by County Counsel, Human Resources, Procurement and Contracts, and Risk Management.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve as recommended.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agenda item. This item will be funded with Mental Health Services Act funding. Sufficient appropriations were included in the fiscal year 2019-20 budget, and will be included in future budgets for the term of the Agreement.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

- 1) Clerk of the Board to obtain signature of Chair on two (2) original Agreements for Services 4271 Amendment I; and
- 2) Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed Amendment to HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road, Suite B.

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:**

County Strategic Plan, Healthy Communities goal, Objective 4: "Achieve better outcomes for children, young adult, and families in the areas of mental illness and substance abuse prevention."

**CONTACT**

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