



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services  
Date: January 8, 2013

Subject: Novation Contract #24-133-61 with La Cheim School, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute, on behalf of the County, Novation Contract #24-133-61 with La Cheim School, Inc., a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000, to provide a residential day treatment program, school- and community-based mental health services, and therapeutic behavioral services (TBS) for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. This Contract includes a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$950,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Contract is funded 49% by Federal Financial Participation, 49% by Mental Health Realignment, and 2% by West Contra Costa County Unified School District (WCCUSD). (No rate increase)

**BACKGROUND:**

This Contract meets the social needs of County's population by providing a half-day intensive day treatment, mental health services and medication support in a residential treatment setting for seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) youth, ages twelve through

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/08/2013** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 8, 2013

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Carrie Del Bonta, Deputy

Contact: Cynthia Belon,  
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seventeen years, who are eligible for services according to the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Act (IDEA) or who are wards or dependents of Contra Costa County Juvenile Court. Contractor also provides TBS to County-referred children.

On October 11, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved Novation Contract #74-224-11 with La Cheim School, Inc., for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, for the provision of day treatment services.

On January 10, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved Novation Contract #74-083-22 with La Cheim School, Inc, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, for the provision of TBS to County-referred children.

On January 17, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved Novation Contract #24-133-60 with La Cheim School, Inc., for the period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, for the provision of school-based day treatment and health services.

Each of these Contracts included a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2012.

Approval of Novation Contract #24-133-61 combines children's specialty mental health services provided under the prior contracts, replaces the automatic extension under the prior Contracts, allowing the Contractor to continue providing services through June 30, 2013.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, there will be fewer treatment options for wards of the Contra Costa County Juvenile Court, and County's Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) clients in West Contra Costa County as the County solicits and engages an alternate contractor. This may result in delays in the provisions of these treatment services as required by the Federal IDEA Act.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This program supports the following Board of Supervisors' community outcomes: "Children Ready For and Succeeding in School"; "Families that are Safe, Stable, and Nurturing"; and "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families". Expected program outcomes include an increase in positive social and emotional development as measured by the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS).