



Contra
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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: January 19, 2021

Subject: Payment for Services Provided by Vasanta Venkat Giri, M.D.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to pay \$15,812 to Vasanta Venkat Giri, M.D., an individual, for providing telepsychiatry services for children in central Contra Costa County, for the period December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this payment will result in expenditures of up to \$15,812 and will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal and 50% Mental Health Realignment.

BACKGROUND:

On November 17, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #74-438-13, with Vasanta Venkat Giri, M.D., for the provision of telepsychiatry services, including diagnosing, counseling, evaluating and medical and therapeutic treatment to children, for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Due to staff attrition gaps and retirements, contractor agreed to temporarily increase hours to prevent breaks in telepsychiatry services for children and adolescents in central county;

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/19/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, 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 19, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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however, the contract was not amended to reflect agreed upon services increase while in effect.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Therefore, the County has determined that Vasanta Venkat Giri, M.D. is entitled to payment for the reasonable value of their services under the equitable relief theory of quantum meruit. That theory provides that where a person has been asked to provide services without a valid contract, and the provider does so to the benefit of the recipient, the provider is entitled to recover the reasonable value of those services.

Expected program outcomes include an increase in positive social and emotional development as measured by the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS).

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, the contractor will not get paid for telepsychiatry services already rendered.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This program supports the following Board of Supervisors' community outcomes: (1) Children Ready for and Succeeding in School; (4) Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing; and (5) Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families.