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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: December 7, 2021

Subject: Novation Contract #74-526-12 with EMBRACE

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Novation Contract #74-526-12 with EMBRACE, a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$2,562,474, to provide mental health services, multisystemic therapy (MST) and Functional Family Therapy (FFT) for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) adolescents and their families for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, including a six-month automatic extension in an amount not to exceed \$1,281,237 through December 31, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this contract will result in annual expenditures of up to \$2,562,474 and will be funded as budgeted by the department in FY 2021-22, by 36% Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) (\$931,434), 35% Federal Medi-Cal (\$899,602), 12% Probation Mentally Ill Offenders Crime Reduction Grant (\$296,000), and 17% Mental Health Realignment (\$435,438) funding. (No rate increase)

BACKGROUND:

This contract meets the social needs of the County's population by providing mental health

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/07/2021** ☒ 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: December 7, 2021

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

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services, including individual, group, and family counseling, assessment, case management, and rehabilitation support services to seriously and emotionally disturbed adolescents who are involved in the Juvenile Justice System.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The County has been contracting with EMBRACE (formerly Community Options for Families and Youth, Inc.) for Functional Family Therapy (FFT) services since July 2016.

On December 8, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Novation Contract #74-526-9 with Community Options for Families and Youth, Inc. in the amount of \$2,267,013 for the provision of mental health and FFT services for youth who have had serious contact with the Juvenile Justice System for the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, which included a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2021.

On March 9, 2021 the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment Agreement #74-526-10 to increase the payment limit by \$85,800 to a new payment limit of \$2,352,813 and to increase the 6-month automatic extension payment limit by \$42,900 to a new payment limit of \$1,176,406 through December 31, 2021.

On July 13, 2021 the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment Agreement #74-526-11 to increase the per minute billing rates due to COVID-19 with no change in the payment limit of \$2,352,813 or term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and no change to the 6-month automatic extension.

Approval of Novation Contract #74-526-12 replaces the automatic extension under the prior contract and allows the contractor to continue providing mental health services through June 30, 2022.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, SED children and adolescents involved in the juvenile justice system will not have access to this contractor's mental health services which may result in a reduction of services and placement in higher levels of care.

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).