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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: December 14, 2021

Subject: Novation Contract #74-577-3 with Seneca Family of Agencies

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Novation Contract #74-577-3 with Seneca Family of Agencies, a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$3,324,851, to provide mobile crisis response and community-based mental health services for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) children, for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, which includes a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$1,662,425.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this contract will result in annual budgeted expenditures of up to \$3,324,851 and will be funded by 39% Mental Health Services Act (\$1,287,107), 34% Federal Medi-Cal (\$1,138,668), and 27% County Realignment (\$899,076) revenues. (No rate increase)

**BACKGROUND:**

This contract meets the social needs of the County's population by providing mental health services to adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems to improve school

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/14/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

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

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III 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 14, 2021

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

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performance, reduce unsafe behavioral practices, and reduce the need for out-of-home placements.

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The County has been contracting with Seneca Family of Agencies since July 2018.

On January 19, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #74-577-2 with Seneca Family of Agencies, in an amount not to exceed \$1,656,432 to provide mobile crisis response and children's specialty mental health services for SED children, for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, which included a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$1,656,432.

Approval of Contract #74-577-3 will replace the automatic extension and allow the contractor to continue providing mobile crisis response and children's specialty mental health services through June 30, 2022.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, SED children throughout the County will not have access to this contractor's mobile crisis, and community-based mental health services, possibly resulting in the need for 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).