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County

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

Subject: Novation Contract #24-133-77 with La Cheim School, Inc.

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Novation Contract #74-133-77 with La Cheim School, Inc., a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$2,769,860, to provide school-based and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRIP) services which includes mental health and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) youth and their families from Contra Costa County at their facilities in West County 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 \$1,384,930.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this contract will result in budgeted expenditures of up to \$2,769,860 for FY 2021-2022 and will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal (\$1,384,930) and 50% Mental Health Realignment (\$1,384,930) revenues.

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- APPROVE  OTHER
  - RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR  RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE
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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

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

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Suzanne Tavano, Ph.D.,  
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## BACKGROUND:

This contract meets the social needs of the County's population by providing school-based and STRIP services including mental health and TBS services focusing on SED youth and their families. Eligible individuals are determined by the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), wards or dependents of the Contra Costa County Juvenile Court and or are County-referred. Expected program outcomes will result in positive social and emotional development at home, in the community and greater school success. The contractor has been providing these services since 1979.

On January 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #24-133-74 (as amended by Contract Amendment Agreements #24-133-75 through #24-133-76) with La Cheim School, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,316,538 for the provision of school-based and STRIP services which included mental health and TBS services for SED youth and their families in West Contra Costa County, for the period from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, which included a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$658,269.

On July 13, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract Amendment Agreement #74-133-75 to increase the per minute billing rates due to COVID-19, with no change to the original payment limit of \$1,316,538 or term of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 and no change in the automatic extension through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$658,269.

In November, 2021, the County Administrator approved and the Purchasing Services Manager executed Administrative Amendment Agreement #24-133-76 to correct a typo in the order of Service Functions set forth in the Rate Table to make consistent with the intentions of the Contractor and County, with no change to the original payment limit of \$1,316,538 or term of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 and no change in the automatic extension through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$658,269.

Approval of County Novation Contract #74-133-77 replaces the automatic extension in the prior contract #24-133-74 and will allow the contractor to continue providing mental health services for SED youth and families through June 30, 2022.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this novation contract is not approved, there will be fewer treatment options for wards of Contra Costa County Juvenile Court and fewer mental health services available for SED youth in West Contra Costa County as the County solicits and engages an alternative contractor.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program supports the following Board of Supervisors' community outcomes: "Children Ready For and Succeeding in School"; "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood"; "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).