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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: January 11, 2022

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

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to pay \$18,147 to Vasanta Venkat Giri, M.D., an individual, for providing telepsychiatry services for children in Central County, for the period December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This retroactive payment in the amount of \$18,147 will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal and 50% Mental Health Realignment.

BACKGROUND:

The County has been contracting with Vasanta Venkat Giri, M.D., since February 2012 to provide telepsychiatry services, including diagnosing, counseling, evaluating and medical and therapeutic treatment to children.

On November 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #74-438-14, with Vasanta Venkat Giri, M.D., in an amount not to exceed \$240,000, for the provision of telepsychiatry services to children for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/11/2022** ☒ 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 11, 2022

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

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Due to staff attrition gaps and staff retirement, the contractor agreed to temporarily increase their hours to prevent breaks in telepsychiatry services for children and adolescents in Central County. However, staff did not submit the necessary contract amendment, nor Board authorization to amend the contract and increase the payment limit. The contractor provided services in good faith and as requested by department staff.

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.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this payment is not approved, the contractor will not be paid for telepsychiatry services rendered in good faith.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contractor 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).