



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: August 9, 2022

Subject: Novation Contract #24-705-73 with We Care Services for Children

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Novation Contract #24-705-73 with We Care Services for Children, a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$2,594,050, to provide mental health services for high risk, delayed or Seriously Emotionally Disturbed children (SED) in Central Contra Costa County, for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, which includes a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,297,025.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this contract will result in budgeted expenditures of up to \$2,594,050 and will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal (\$1,297,025) and 50% Mental Health Realignment (\$1,297,025) revenues. (Rate increase)

**BACKGROUND:**

The County has been contracting with We Care Services for Children, since July 1974 for their expertise in providing community based mental health services for SED children and youth. This contract meets the social needs of the County's population by providing mental

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☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/09/2022** ☒ 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: August 9, 2022

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

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health services to adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems to improve school performance, reduce unsafe behavioral practices, and reduce the need for out-of-home placements.

On December 14, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #24-705-71 with We Care Services for Children, in an amount not to exceed \$2,208,226 for the provision of wrap-around mental health services for high risk, delayed or SED children in Central Contra Costa County for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, which included a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$1,104,113.

On February 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract Amendment #24-705-72, effective January 1, 2022, to increase the per minute billing rates due to COVID-19, with no change in the original payment limit or term.

Approval of Novation Contract #24-705-73 will replace the automatic extension under the prior contract and allow the contractor to continue providing services through June 30, 2023.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, high risk, delayed or SED children in Central Contra Costa County will have reduced access to mental health services.

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).