



**Contra
Costa
County**

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

Subject: Novation Contract #74-315-24 with EMBRACE

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Novation Contract #74-315-24 with EMBRACE, a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,925,048, to provide Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) and outpatient mental health services to Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) children and youth, and their families, for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, which includes a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$962,524.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this contract will result in budgeted expenditures of up to \$1,925,048 and will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal (\$962,524), 45% Mental Health Realignment (\$866,272), and 5% Measure X (\$96,252) revenues. (Rate increase)

BACKGROUND:

The contract meets the social needs of the County by providing TBS to SED children who have been discharged from a hospital or have failed in other placements. This contractor shall also provide a Multisystemic Behavioral and Functional Family Therapy program for

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/11/2022** ☒ 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: October 11, 2022

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

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adolescents who are discharged from Juvenile Hall and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility. The County has been contracting with EMBRACE since December 2007.

On December 14, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #74-315-22 with EMBRACE, in an amount not to exceed \$1,550,044, to provide TBS, Multisystemic Behavioral Therapy and Counseling Enriched Classroom (CEC) school-based services, 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 \$775,022.

On February 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment Agreement #74-315-23, effective January 1, 2022, to increase the per minute billing rates for the contract and automatic extension due to COVID-19 with no change in the original payment limit and original term.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Approval of Novation Contract #74–315–24 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, SED children and youth 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 TBS 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).