



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: November 8, 2022

Subject: Novation Contract #74-495-12 with Berkeley Youth Alternatives

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Novation Contract #74-495-12 with Berkeley Youth Alternatives, a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, to provide school-based mental health services to Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) Children and their families in Contra Costa and West Contra Costa County, for the period November 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, which includes a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this contract will result in budgeted expenditures of up to \$200,000 and will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal (\$100,000), 45% Mental Health Realignment (\$90,000) and 5% Measure X (\$10,000) funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

This contract meets the social needs of the County's population by providing school and

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **11/08/2022** ☒ 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: November 8, 2022

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

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

community based mental health services, including assessments; individual, group and family therapy; Intensive Care Coordination/Child and Family Teams (ICC-CFT) services; case management; outreach; and crisis intervention services for SED children and their families. The Behavioral Health Services Department has been contracting with Berkeley Youth Alternatives since July 2015.

In February 2022, the County Administrator approved and the Purchasing Services Manager executed Novation Contract #74-495-10 with Berkeley Youth Alternatives, in an amount not to exceed \$43,098, for the provision of school-based mental health services to SED children and their families 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 \$21,549.

On February 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment Agreement #74-495-11 with Berkeley Youth Alternatives, effective January 1, 2022, to increase the per minute billing rates due to COVID-19, with no change to the original payment limit of \$43,098

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

or original term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and no change in the automatic extension through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$21,549.

Approval of Novation Contract #74-495-12 replaces the automatic extension under the prior contract and allows the contractor to continue providing mental health SED services through June 30, 2023.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, SED children and their families will have reduced access to mental health treatment services possibly resulting in higher levels of care and placement, including hospitalization in Contra Costa and West Contra Costa County.

### 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).