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Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: March 7, 2023

Subject: Contract #74-514-10 with Robin Wendy Asher, M.D.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Contract #74-514-10 with Robin Wendy Asher, M.D., an individual, in an amount not to exceed \$219,648, to provide outpatient psychiatric care services to children and adolescents in Central Contra Costa County, for the period from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this contract will result in budgeted expenditures of up to \$219,648 and will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal (\$109,824) and 50% Mental Health Realignment (\$109,824) revenues. (No rate increase)

**BACKGROUND:**

This contract meets the social needs of the County's population by providing mental health services to children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems to improve school performance and reduce unsafe behavioral practices. The County, on behalf of its Behavioral Health Division, has been contracting with Robin Wendy Asher, M.D. since April 2016 for her expertise in providing outpatient psychiatric care to children and

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/07/2023** ☒ 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  
Ken Carlson, 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: March 7, 2023

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

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adolescents.

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

On March 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #74-514-8 with Robin Wendy Asher, M.D., in an amount not to exceed \$239,616, to provide outpatient psychiatric services to children and adolescents in Central Contra Costa County, including diagnosing, counseling, evaluation, and medical and therapeutic treatment and consulting and training in medical and therapeutic matters for the period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

On June 21, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract Amendment Agreement #74-514-9, effective June 1, 2022, to increase the payment limit by \$23,962 to a new payment limit of \$263,578 and increase the hourly rate from \$192.00 to a new hourly rate of \$211.20, with no change in the original term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

Approval of Contract #74-514-10 will allow the contractor to continue providing psychiatric services through March 31, 2024.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, the necessary psychiatric services needed for patient care will not be available or will create increased wait times due to the limited number of specialty providers available within the community.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract 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).