

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 7/10/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Kimberly Miramon, Administrative Svcs Mgr., 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASOII, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve two renewal FY 2012-13 contracts (Clerk's File) with Lisa Moreno and Laura Cooper, licensed occupational therapists, for the combined amount of \$69,600, to provide specialized pediatric occupational therapy for children at Martha's Place.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve two renewal FY 2012-13 contracts with Lisa Moreno and Laura Cooper, licensed occupational therapists in the combined amount of \$69,600, to provide specialized pediatric occupational therapy for children at Martha's Place.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) FC 166, CenCal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$69,600	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$69,600	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001174		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>07-22-2011</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) - All			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 7/10/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve two renewal FY 2012-13 contracts (Clerk's File) with Lisa Moreno and Laura Cooper, licensed occupational therapists, for the combined amount of \$69,600, to provide specialized pediatric occupational therapy for children at Martha's Place.

RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

For several years, Lisa Moreno and Laura Cooper have provided Martha's Place, the Children's Assessment Center, specialized pediatric occupational therapy for children referred and are determined to need evaluation and treatment. Occupational therapy employs a purposeful activity to help the client form adaptive responses that enable the nervous system to work more efficiently, thereby allowing the child to more fully engage and participate in life. Ms. Moreno and Ms. Cooper specialize in occupational therapy for high risk children zero to five years of age, many of whom have been exposed prenatally to drugs or alcohol or exhibit at risk behaviors that interfere with normal development. Normal development includes sensory integration, the organization of sensation for use, which gives us information about the physical condition of our body and the environment around us. Ms. Moreno and Ms. Cooper provide evaluation and treatment for children who experience sensory integration *dysfunction*. Sensory integration dysfunction involves difficulty in processing or organizing the flow of sensory input that gives us information about our bodies and the world. When sensory information is confusing, overwhelming or distorted, the child is likely to have problems paying attention, learning, planning, and doing skilled tasks.

Ms. Moreno and Ms. Cooper assess each child who presents with symptoms such as poor attention span, difficulty learning, trouble following directions, inability to sit through a meal, and poor coordination during play. Occupational therapy can help children improve many skills including motor skills, sensory processing and regulation, visual motor and perceptual skills, social skills, attention and listening skills, and neuromuscular based concerns.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2012-13 Behavioral Health Department Adopted Budget includes \$69,600 for occupational therapy for children who are assessed at Martha's Place and proven to be in need of the service. This amount is the same level as FY 11-12 and will be split evenly between both contracts, with \$34,800 apportioned to each contract listed above.

During FY 2012-13 it is anticipated that over 100 children will receive these key occupational therapy services that allow them to develop and grow normally.

Our current CenCal Agreement has been amended to include occupational therapy services, which will allow the Health Agency to bill for a portion of these services and receive Medi-Cal revenue.

RESULTS

Martha's Place Occupational Therapy Outcomes

	Referrals	Children Evaluated	Children Treated
FY 2009-10 Actual	100	80	80
FY 2010-11 Actual	189	156	113
FY 2011-12 Estimated	200	160	100

The occupational therapy services provided by Ms. Moreno and Ms. Cooper at Martha's Place provide children, as well as their families, the means to facilitate their development, growth and education in a supportive and joyful environment. By assisting children aged 0-5 to become more sensitive to sensory integration, it puts them on the path to leading a happier and more successful life which supports the County's community-wide vision of a Healthy Community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerks Filed Cover Sheet Cooper & Moreno 12-13 Contract Renewals