

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 9/11/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Kimberly Miramon, Behavioral Health CFO, 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve 1) renewal contracts (Clerk's File) with County Office of Education (COE) and Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (PRJUSD) for Fiscal Year 2012-13 in the collective amount not to exceed \$50,000 to provide on-site clinical support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the Districts' special education classes; 2) a budget adjustment in the amount of \$106,317 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health; and 3) a related resolution amending the Position Allocation List for Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health to add a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist IV.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve and direct the Chairperson to sign the renewal contracts with County Office of Education and Paso Robles Joint Unified School District for FY 2012-13 in the collective amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the County to provide on-site clinical support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the Districts' special education classes;</li> <li>2) Approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$106,317 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health (4/5 vote required); and</li> <li>3) Approve a related resolution amending the Position Allocation List for Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health to add a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist IV.</li> </ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal, SELPA, COE, PRJUSD	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$106,317.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$106,317.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent    { } Presentation                    { } Hearing (Time Est. _____)    { } Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { X } Resolutions    { X } Contracts    { } Ordinances    { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: Pending { X } 4/5th's Vote Required    { } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A Date <u>10/18/11 &amp; 10/25/11</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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

DATE: 9/11/2012

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1) Approve and direct the Chairperson to sign the renewal contracts with County Office of Education and Paso Robles Joint Unified School District for FY 2012-13 in the collective amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the County to provide on-site clinical support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the Districts' special education classes;
- 2) Approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$106,317 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health (4/5 vote required); and
- 3) Approve a related resolution amending the Position Allocation List for Fund Center 166-Behavioral Health to add a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist IV.

## DISCUSSION

Under Federal law, special education students who require educationally related mental health services are entitled to receive mental health services in order to benefit from their education as part of their right to a free appropriate public education. The San Luis Obispo Special Education Local Planning Area (SELPA), the State-designated regional entity, contracts with the County to provide educationally related mental health services (ERMHS) to special education children throughout each School District.

COE and PRJUSD have requested the County continue to provide in-classroom support for their special education students. In addition to the ERMHS provided, on-site clinical support can assist the students throughout the school day, when issues arise. Below is the team for each school district:

School	# Mental Health Therapists (County FTE)	# Behavioral Specialists (Family Care Network)	# Classrooms Served	# Students Per Classroom	Total Students
SLO County Ofc of Ed	2	0	2	6-10	12-20
Paso Robles Joint USD	2	3	4	10	40

For FY 2012-13, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District is requesting two additional classrooms be added for a total of four classrooms to provide on-site clinical support. The request by the District to add the additional two classrooms will require additional staffing including a 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist IV and an additional Behavioral Specialist. Family Care Network (FCN) currently contracts with the County to provide the Behavioral Specialists to the PRJUSD. The latest contract with FCN, approved by your Board August 7<sup>th</sup>, included the additional Behavioral Health Specialist requested by PRJUSD. The Behavioral Health Department did review current staffing levels and has determined that it does not have the capacity to facilitate the additional classrooms and caseload with existing Behavioral Health staff and is therefore requesting an amendment to the current Position Allocation List to add a 1.0 FTE MHT IV.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect. Human Resources has reviewed and concurs that the appropriate classification for the new positions is MHT IV.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget includes the costs associated with providing educationally related mental health services to children with an eligible IEP, but did not include the unanticipated PRJUSD revenue nor the additional cost to provide the additional Mental Health Therapist's time.

To accommodate the additional services for PRJUSD, a Budget Adjustment Request is provided for one (1) new Mental Health Therapist IV position as follows:

Salary (\$103,478 x 1)	\$ 103,478
Expenses related to providing services, such as computer, etc.	<u>\$ 2,839</u>
Total	\$ 106,317

Reimbursed:	
Medi-Cal/EPSDT	\$ 69,054
SELPA	\$ 17,263
School District (PRJUSD)	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total	\$ 106,317

When the educationally related mental health services are provided, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal, EPSDT, and other Special Education funding is submitted for reimbursement. SELPA pays the match component as required by Medi-Cal and any appropriate unreimbursed cost associated with the service.

Since the school districts are interested in having staff on-site the entire school day, each School District will provide reimbursement to the County for any unreimbursed costs. This would equate to any time staff or the contractor was present but did not provide a specific mental health service that is billable to Medi-Cal or third party payor.

The SLOCOE and PRJUSD contracts include potential reimbursement amounts of \$30,000 and \$20,000, respectively, for a collective potential reimbursement amount of \$50,000.

**RESULTS**

**FY 2011-12 ED Services Provided**

School District	# Children Served	# Medi-Cal / EPSDT Funded
SLOCOE	19	14
PRJUSD	<u>26</u>	<u>23</u>
Total	45	37

**FY 2011-12 ED Measurable Outcomes**

School District	% Children Avoiding Out of Home Placement	% Children Avoiding Suspension or Expulsion	% Children Avoiding Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization
SLOCOE	100%	84%	100%
PRJUSD	92%	65%	81%

The primary goal of the collaborative efforts is to help children remain in their homes and the community, while receiving the most appropriate education. The educationally related mental health services provided under these contracts with SELPA and the School Districts are part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Clerk's Filed Coversheet COE & PRJUSD ED Class Contract Renewals 2012-13
2. Resolution Amending the PAL for 2012-13