

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 10/6/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Darci Hafley 805-788-2156	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve FY 2015-16 renewal contracts with Atascadero Unified School District, Lucia Mar Unified School District, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, and San Luis Coastal Unified School District in the collective amount not to exceed \$284,451 to provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the school districts' special education classes. All Districts			
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(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) School Districts, SELPA, Medi-Cal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$284,451.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$284,451.00	(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) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 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>08/26/2014</u> ; <u>09/09/2014</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Anne Robin, L.M.F.T., Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 10/6/2015

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## DISCUSSION

Under Federal law, special education students who require educationally related mental health services in order to benefit from their education are entitled to receive mental health services as part of their right to a free appropriate public education. Responsibility to ensure special education students receive these services is designated to local school districts via their local [Special Education Local Planning Areas \(SELPA\)](#), the State-designated regional entity responsible for overseeing and supporting the delivery of services to special education children.

All four school districts have requested the County continue to provide educationally related mental health services for their special education students. San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department Therapists work alongside [Family Care Network \(FCNI\)](#) Rehabilitation Specialists and school staff to address and coordinate services for each student as specified in the student's [Individualized Education Plan \(IEP\)](#). Staff from County Behavioral Health and Family Care Network will provide individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management and consultation services, and crisis intervention. The table below illustrates the team's makeup for each school district:

<i>District</i>	<i>Mental Health Therapists</i>	<i>Rehabilitation Specialists</i>	<i>Classrooms Served</i>	<i>Estimated annual number of students</i>
<i>AUSD</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>LMUSD</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>PRJUSD</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>SLCUSD</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>130</i>

The Department prefers to submit the renewal contracts as a single Board action and as result must wait until each district follows its own internal approval process, which can delay the process from the start of the fiscal year. In addition, many districts do not approve their school year budget and related contracts until the first school board meeting of the school year.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

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

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget includes the costs associated with providing educationally related mental health services to children with an eligible IEP. When the County provides educationally related mental health services, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal, EPSDT, and other Special Education funding are submitted for reimbursement. SELPA pays the match component as required by Medi-Cal and any unreimbursed cost associated with the service. In the event where the unreimbursed costs are not covered by SELPA, each school district is committed to reimburse the County up to the contract maximum. Identified in the table below is each school district contract maximum for educationally related mental health services for FY 2015-16.

<i>School District</i>	<i>FY 2015-16 Contact Maximum</i>
<b>AUSD</b>	<b>\$34,732</b>
<b>LMUSD</b>	<b>\$54,195</b>
<b>PRJUSD</b>	<b>\$104,565</b>
<b>SLCUSD</b>	<b>\$90,959</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$284,451</b>

Each school district is prepared to provide reimbursement to the County for any unreimbursed costs unpaid by SELPA for educationally related mental health services in order to secure staff on each campus at all times. In FY 2014-15, only Paso Robles Joint Unified School District received a bill for unreimbursed services, for \$88,921.

**RESULTS**

**Outputs**

<i>School District</i>	<i>FY 2014-15 Actual number of Children Served</i>	<i>FY 2015-16 Target number of Children to be Served</i>
<b>AUSD</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>LMUSD</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>PRJUSD</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>SLCUSD</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>130</b>

**Outcomes**

The services provided by Behavioral Health facilitate the ability of special education students to meet their IEP goals, which are unique to each student and tracked and held confidential by the schools. The County added the following other outcomes to the contracts although they were not required by the schools:

	<i>% of Children will remain in current home environment</i>			<i>% of children avoiding inpatient hospitalization</i>			<i>% of Children will show an improvement in Behavioral and Emotional needs*</i>	
	<i>2014/15 Target</i>	<i>2014/15 Actual</i>	<i>2015/16 Target</i>	<i>2014/15 Target</i>	<i>2014/15 Actual</i>	<i>2015/16 Target</i>	<i>2014/15 Actual</i>	<i>2015/16 Target</i>

<b>AUSD</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>95%</b> <b>(18/19)</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b> <b>(18/19)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>New Measure</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>LMUSD</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>95%</b> <b>(20/21)</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b> <b>(21/21)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>New Measure</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>PRJUSD</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>89%</b> <b>(39/44)</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>84%</b> <b>(37/44)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>New Measure</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>SLCUSD</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b> <b>(37/41)</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>93%</b> <b>(38/41)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>New Measure</b>	<b>80%</b>

\*Behavioral and Emotional Needs are measured by the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength standardized instrument. Behavioral Health is newly implementing it for FY 2015-16.

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 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. AUSD FY 2015-16 Contract
2. LMUSD FY 2015-16 Contract
3. PRJUSD FY 2015-16 Contract
4. SLCUSD FY 2015-16 Contract