

# **County of Monterey**

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

## **Board Report**

File #: A 12-123, Version: 1

a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health to sign a three-year Mental Health Services Agreement with Harmony at Home for school-based counseling services for children who have been exposed to violence and trauma in the amount of \$75,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13, \$75,000 for FY 2013-14, and \$75,000 for FY 2014-15, for a total Agreement in the amount of \$225,000; and

b. Authorize the Director of Health to approve up to three future amendments to this Agreement where the amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the original amount and do not significantly change the scope of work or result in an increase to County General Fund Contribution.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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- b. Authorize the Director of Health to approve up to three future amendments to this Agreement where the amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the original amount and do not significantly change the scope of work or result in an increase to County General Fund Contribution.

#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Harmony at Home (HAH) provides services that teach healthy communication within families to end the cycle of violence and abuse. HAH provides school-based domestic violence counseling services to elementary school-aged children in the Alisal, Salinas Elementary and the Salinas Union High School Districts. These services address the emotional trauma and related issues of children who have witnessed and/or experienced violence. The Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau, has contracted with HAH since August 2009 and is requesting approval of this renewal Mental Health Services Agreement to continue these services for an additional three year term.

This Agreement contains the County's standard 30-day "no cause" provision (Section IV, B) and an additional defunding provision (Section IV, D) which provides the County the ability to amend or terminate the Agreement in the event of a reduction and/or termination of funding.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form and fiscal provisions. The Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

#### FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by Mental Health Services Act funds. The funds for this Agreement (\$75,000) are included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) Fiscal Year 2012-13 Recommended Budget. Approval of this action has no impact on the County General Fund.

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Approved by: Ray Bullick, Director of Health, 4526

Attachments:

Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board