

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Human Resources Dept. **SUBMITTAL DATE:** February 21, 2003

SUBJECT: Exclusive Care EPO – Individual Behavioral Health Provider Contract

RECOMMENDED MOTION: 1) Approve the individual behavioral health provider contract for Brenton Kahle, Marriage Family Therapist, to provide mental health/substance abuse treatment and services for Exclusive Care enrollees effective April 1, 2003, in Riverside; 2) Authorize the chairperson to sign three (3) copies of the agreement for each provider; and 3) retain one (1) copy and return two (2) copies of the executed Agreement to Human Resources for distribution.

BACKGROUND: On January 1, 1999, the County's new self-funded EPO health plan, Exclusive Care, commenced operations. Contracts have been negotiated with inpatient and outpatient mental health providers in the community to provide treatment and services covered by the EPO according to the plan's Mental Health/Substance Abuse benefits. These providers will be accessed by referral from the County's EAP. The EAP's role as it relates to Exclusive Care is to provide an assessment and referral service for EPO enrollees where EPO enrollees choose not to access the EAP for outpatient mental health services, by referring the enrollee to a participating EPO mental health provider. The EAP will also facilitate EPO inpatient referrals, case management and utilization review with participating providers. The contract (s) negotiated provide access to a continuum of levels of care to ensure treatment is rendered at the most appropriate level tailored to meet the individual's needs.

Ronald W. Komers
Asst. County Executive Officer/
Human Resources Director

FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST:	\$-0-	ANNUAL COST:	To be determined by claims
NET COUNTY COST:	\$-0-	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	N/A
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:	NO	FOR FY:	
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	EPO Employee Contributions		

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIGNATURE

Consent [X] Policy
 Consent Policy

Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:

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