

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

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**FROM:** Director of Mental Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
June 14, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Out-of County Mental Health Contracts

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Out-of-County Mental Health contracts with Casa Pacifica, Ettie Lee Homes, Milhous Children Services, New Haven, and Olive Crest,
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the contracts,
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to add, delete, or shift funds to or from qualified out-of-county mental health contracts for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 each, nor an aggregate amount of \$2,000,000 annually through June 30, 2008.
4. Exempt the Purchasing Agent from the requirement to report sole source contracts under \$100,000 each, not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$2,000,000 for these out-of-county contracts

Departmental Concurrence

**BACKGROUND**

The responsibility for providing mental health services to Riverside County Medi-Cal eligible youth (0-18 years) is with the County Department of Mental Health. The contracts range from providing Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) to providing residential placement with out-of-county group homes.

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*[Signature]*  
Robert Howdyshell, Purchasing Director

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John J. Ryan, Director of Mental Health

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 2,000,000	In Current Year Budget:	\$2,000,000
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	\$0
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2004/2005 to 2007/2008

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Federal 53.30%; State 46.70%	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**  
**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature** *[Signature]*

- Dep't Recomm.:  Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.:  Policy
- Consent
- Consent

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 4/16/2002 of 3.17 | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

**ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**3.18**

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**BACKGROUND (CONT'D)**

The County is required to provide TBS as a result of a court order issued in May 1999 by the U.S. District Court of Central California requiring that Medi-Cal reimburse TBS as an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) supplemental mental health service. Thus all counties are under court order to implement the service and provide it to all eligible youth.

Youth with the most severe mental health problems often require residential placement or change in existing placement with little notice. A comprehensive search is required to find a group home, which has availability and offers appropriate mental health services. Services include any combination of individual, group and family therapy, day treatment, crisis intervention, medication support, and therapeutic behavioral services. Due to the limited availability of these types of group homes in Riverside County, youth often require placement outside of the county. There are approximately fifty-six (56) facilities in the state, which provide the highest levels of supervision and treatment. These homes may offer specific services targeted at a specific population of youth or a range of services depending on the design of the program.

These out-of-county contracts will allow for immediate and continuous services for severely emotionally disturbed children, adolescents, and their families. The Board is requested to approve the renewal contracts for FY04/05 with Casa Pacifica, Ettie Lee Homes, Milhous Children Services, New Haven, and Olive Crest. Each of these contracts has a maximum amount greater than \$100,000 each.

On April 16, 2002, Agenda No. 3.17, the Board authorized the Purchasing Agent to add, delete or modify qualified out-of-county contractors for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 each, nor exceed an aggregate amount of \$500,000 annually through June 30, 2005. This form 11 requests continuation of the Purchasing Agents authority through June 30, 2008 and requests to increase the aggregate amount to \$2,000,000. The aggregate amount includes both Board approved contracts over \$100,000 and Purchasing Authority contracts less than \$100,000. The Board is also requested to exempt the Purchasing Agent from the requirement to report sole source contracts under \$100,000. The board will continue to approve contracts greater than \$100,000.

The Department reviews several factors in determining the selection of the contractor. One consideration is the contractor's ability to meet the client's unique mental health needs and the home's proximity to the family. In addition, a review of the supportive services available to clients is also considered. Certain homes may have a higher level of clinical expertise in specific mental health disciplines that will best service the specific and unique needs of the youth. Often, following a statewide search, there are only one or two programs with openings that are willing and able to meet the client's needs. When the treatment service criterion is equal, the price is the selecting factor. The Department of Mental Health conducts quarterly site visits for contract monitoring and makes frequent and regular phone contact with the group home supervisor to ensure contract compliance.

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The following table summarizes the proposed FY04/05 contracts and are also noted in attachments A & B. The "Pending Contracts" line noted in the table shows the funding currently not under obligation set aside for any "emergency" placement and/or other necessary services as required by the client.

Contractor	FY 03/04	Change	FY0405
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**BOARD APPROVAL REQUESTED**

Casa Pacifica	\$203,448	(\$43,953)	\$159,495
Ettie Lee	\$768,000	(\$192,000)	\$576,000
Milhous	\$330,317	\$8,359	\$338,676
New Haven	\$330,000	(\$130,000)	\$200,000
Olive Crest	\$161,626	\$0	\$161,626
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,793,391</b>	<b>(\$357,594)</b>	<b>\$1,435,797</b>

**COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT DELEGATED APPROVAL REQUESTED**

Charis	\$66,392	\$2,465	\$68,857
Devereux-San Diego	\$77,672	\$0	\$77,672
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$144,064</b>	<b>\$2,465</b>	<b>\$146,529</b>
Pending Contracts	\$77,956	\$339,718	\$417,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,015,411</b>	<b>(\$15,411)</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

The contracts will be effective from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. These agreements may be renewed annually for an additional 3 years, subject to the availability of funds and the need for services.

Services provided will be billed through the Medi-Cal system and are covered through State and Federal reimbursement. Funding for these contracts are passed through to the Department from Federal and State agencies. There are sufficient funds in the department's budget for fiscal year 2004/2005 to provide for these services. No additional County funds are required.

**ATTACHMENT A  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
OUT-OF-COUNTY CONTRACTS  
FY 2004/2005**

Children's Program

Casa Pacifica	10000-4100207148-83550-530280 Medi-Cal/FFP 53.30%, State 46.70%	\$ 159,495
Ettie Lee Homes, Inc	10000-4100207154-83550-530280 Medi-Cal/FFP 53.30%, State 46.70%	\$ 576,000
Milhous Children Services, Inc.	10000-4100207054-83550-530280 Medi-Cal/FFP 53.30%, State 46.70%	\$ 338,676
New Haven Youth & Family Services, Inc.	10000-4100207156-83550-530280 Medi-Cal/FFP 53.30%, State 46.70%	\$ 200,000
Olive Crest Treatment Centers, Inc.	10000-4100207151-83550-530280 Medi-Cal/FFP 53.30%, State 46.70%	\$ 161,626