

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

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**FROM:** Department of Mental Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
May 1, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Approve the first amendment to the FY05/06 contract with New Haven Youth and Family Services, Inc.

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

1. Approve the first amendment to the FY05/06 contract with New Haven Youth and Family Services, Inc.,
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Amendment,
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to approve new mental health contracts up to \$100,000, and
4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to enter into amendments to add, delete, or shift funds to or from qualified mental health contracts and renew for an amount not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$6,000,000 annually through June 30, 2009.

**BACKGROUND:** The responsibility for providing mental health services to Riverside County eligible youth (0-18 years) is with the County Department of Mental Health (Department). Contracts are executed to provide a wide range of mental health services from Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) to (Continued on Page 2)

**THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN FORM APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL.**

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*Jerry Wengert*  
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Jerry Wengert, Director  
Department of Mental Health

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 4,000,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	05/06

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** 41% Federal, 59% State

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**APPROVE**

*Lisa Brandt*

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

Dep't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 11/8/05#3.15, 6/28/05#3.29, 5/3/05#3.15, 6/29/04#3.18 **District:** All **Agenda Number:**

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

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residential placement in group homes. While in residential placement, full scope mental health services may include case management, day treatment, medication support, crisis intervention and TBS.

Therapeutic behavioral services are a one-to-one therapeutic contact between a mental health provider and a beneficiary for a specified short-term period, intended to provide the child/youth with skills to effectively manage the behavior or symptom that is a barrier to achieving residence in the lowest appropriate level.

The Department 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 Medi-Cal to 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 this service and provide it to all eligible youth.

On June 29, 2004, item 3.18, the Board approved various contracts with out-of-county providers to provide mental health services including TBS, and authorized the Purchasing Agent to add, delete, and shift funds to and from qualified providers and renew contracts up to \$100,000 per provider and not to exceed a \$2,000,000 aggregate through June 30, 2008.

On May 3, 2005, item 3.15, June 28, 2005, item 3.29, and November 8, 2005, item 3.15, the Board approved similar children's mental health contracts greater than \$100,000.

The Department requests approval of the First Amendment to the FY 05/06 contract with New Haven Youth and Family Services, Inc. due to continued growth in the number of clients receiving TBS. The increase of \$504,001 to the New Haven contract will exceed the current \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Due to population growth, expanded collaboration with the Department of Probation and Department of Public Social Services, and the lawsuit mandating TBS, the Department requests the continuation of Purchasing Agent authority to renew and amend these contracts through June 30, 2009 and requests to increase the aggregate amount to \$6,000,000 (see Attachment A). The increased aggregate amount combines in-county mental health contracts approved by the Board on June 28, 2005, item 3.29.

#### **Contractor Selection Criteria**

**RESIDENTIAL GROUP HOME MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** Under Board Policy A-18, item 4.b. contracts for youth home services are exempted from the typical bid requirements. However, most often the services require the contractor to meet stringent qualifications for licensed group homes and Medi-Cal certification supervised by the State Department of Mental Health. Additionally, significant consideration is given to the contractor's ability to meet the client's unique mental health needs and the home's proximity to the family. 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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THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL SERVICES (TBS): The nature of TBS requires the Department to often provide the service on an emergency basis. Because these services are reimbursable by state and federal funds within a range of costs, the selection process has not been limited by a cost rate. Generally, a TBS contract is based on anticipated actual costs and is adjusted to final costs during year-end settlement. Typically, the basis for award has been proximity to client, and the contractor's capacity to receive added TBS referrals on a short-term notice. TBS referrals tend to be unpredictable and are difficult to pre-determine where or how much will be needed. TBS is a high turnover short-term service and typically averages 4 months. When more than one contractor is in place to serve the same service area, the Department's TBS staff rotate the referrals equally between contractors based on contractor staffing and interest in adding clients.

**Period of Performance**

The contract amendment with New Haven Youth and Family Services, Inc. revises an existing contract that is effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Contracts may be renewed annually for an additional 3 years, subject to the availability of State and Federal funds.

**Financial Impact**

Services are billed through the Medi-Cal system and are covered through State and Federal reimbursement. No additional County funds are required.

## ATTACHMENT A

The following is the list of existing contractors currently providing children's residential group home mental health services and TBS within the State of California. The table also includes anticipated Medi-Cal growth, not specifically identified to a specific contractor.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>FY05/06</b>
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### OUT-OF-COUNTY CONTRACTS

Casa Pacifica	\$209,342
Charis	\$99,998
Milhous	\$344,331
Hillview Acres	\$321,948
San Diego Center	\$78,507
New Haven	\$1,296,001
Starview	\$663,889
Reserve	\$0
<b>Total O/C</b>	<b>\$3,014,016</b>

### IN-COUNTY CONTRACTS

CHARLEE	\$345,577
Pacific Clinics	\$583,200
VCSS	\$1,060,959
Reserve	\$38,798
<b>Total I/C</b>	<b>\$2,028,534</b>

<b>Projected Growth</b>	<b>\$957,450</b>
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<b>Total Aggregate through 2009</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>
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