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



**FROM:** Department of Mental Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

**SUBJECT:** Ratify the First Amendment to the FY 06/07 Agreement with Vista Knoll Specialized Care Facility.

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

1. Ratify the First Amendment to the Agreement between Department of Mental Health and Vista Knoll Specialized Care Facility.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 27, 2006, item 3.32, the Board approved the Department of Mental Health's utilization of the contracts for various Mental Health services which included Vista Knoll for Fiscal Year 2006/2007. The maximum obligation of \$342,062 was approved for Vista Knoll Specialized Care Facility.

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

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$30,600	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:		Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:		For Fiscal Year:	FY 06/07

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> State 93.07%, Realignment 4.89%, County 2.04%.	<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** *Debra Courage*

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 3.32 of 6/27/06 | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.30

COUNTY COUNSEL  
FEB 28 2007  
BY *Janet M. Nick*  
Dep.  
Departmental Concurrence

**SUBJECT:** Ratify First Amendment to FY 06/07 Agreement Between the Department of Mental Health and Vista Knoll Specialized Care Facility.

**BACKGROUND** (continued)...

The contract is being amended because a severely mentally ill individual who is hearing impaired and has complex, serious physical health care needs requires skilled nursing and a Specialized Treatment Program (STP). The individual's complex needs require one-on-one support several days a week for several hours on the days off-site medical treatment is received. The facility where the client was originally placed notified the department that the off-site medical services required for the client could no longer be accommodated, therefore the client needed to be moved immediately.

Vista Knoll is a Skilled Nursing Facility with Special Treatment Program (STP) who treats clients in need of 24 hour skilled psychiatric nursing services and medically necessary psychiatric 'intensive' treatment. The STP is designed to reduce patient symptoms and impairments, to improve the control and reduction of temporary acute behavior problems and to eventually transfer clients to a less restrictive setting. Vista Knoll shall additionally provide specialty medically necessary psychiatric 'supportive' services to one (1) special needs client. These additional services include, but may not be limited to; American Sign Language interpretation, daily support in daily living and behavioral health services to minimize disruptive behaviors that may place the client at risk of self injury, participation in each treatment session, transportation and emotional support during the transport to/from medical treatment and support during the treatment session.

There are sufficient funds in the Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2006/07 to provide for this necessary amendment. Funding for this contract is budgeted. This contract contains termination provisions in case of unavailability of any Federal, State, and/or County funds.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR DELAY**

The County was notified late January 2007 of the need to immediately relocate the client from the facility providing services. The treatment facility that was serving the client was scheduled to lose access to the essential off-site medical care the client required on February 1, 2007. Due to this client's complex support needs, all known similar facilities had previously declined to accept the client for services. Once a provider agreed to accept the client, the contract needed to be negotiated and amended so that medical care would not be interrupted. The contractor agreed to the County's terms and conditions by returning a signed amendment on February 15, 2007.