

## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

## **HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY**

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AGENDA: August 24, 1999

August 6, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95061

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER, 1999 CONTRACT ADVANCE PAYMENTS
A U T H O R I Z A T I O N

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency (HSA) for many years has contracted with the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center, Inc., the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz, and Front St., Inc. to provide a wide range of mental health services to residents of Santa Cruz County. Each year, HSA reviews service performance from prior years to determine performance and financial terms for the current year's contract. For most contracts, HSA and the contractors complete the review during August.

The process of negotiating final terms for these three contracts, however, is more complex. Because of their size and complexity, rates for the new year cannot be established until the prior year cost report is competed. This has the effect of delaying the entire process by at least one month. The cost report process is in its final stage and HSA expects to complete these agreements for your Board's approval in September, 1999.

In order to provide the three contractors sufficient cash flow to operate pending final review of their contracts, HSA requests that your Board authorize the Auditor-Controller to make advance payments on the three contracts for the month of September equal to the amounts advanced for August, 1999.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make advance payments for September, 1999 on contracts with the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center, Inc. (CO90129) in the amount of \$269,807, the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz (CO90205) in the amount of \$52,275, and Front St., Inc. (CO90539) in the amount of \$236,217.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Moody

Health Services Administrator,

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RECOMMENDED

Susan Mauriello

County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer

Auditor Controller County Counsel HSA Administration

Community Mental Health Administration