



HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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AGENDA: March 14, 2000

February 29, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Santa Cruz County 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz. CA 95061

RE: POSITION INCREASES IN THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CCS)

PROGRAM

Dear Board Members:

Background

California Children's Services provides medical services to children with severe disabilities. It is a State-mandated program linked to the schools.

The Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) provides occupational and physical therapy services to eligible children in the county. In recent years, the MTU has increased staffing to handle a growing caseload and to meet new State mandates for school-based services required by AB3632. HSA is requesting an increase in clerical staffing to support these expanded MTU program activities, A 0.70 FTE Typist Clerk II position and a 0.85 FTE Typist Clerk II position will each be increased to full-time, for a net increase of 0.45 FTE. The \$5,315 current year cost of this increase will be covered in part by \$4,040 salary savings in the CCS program. The \$1,275 balance will come from existing funds budgeted for medical treatment in the services and supplies account. A resolution transferring these funds is attached. The State has approved this staffing change, which will result in no new County costs.

HSA currently operates a full-service MTU in the south county area at the Duncan Holbert school and a small satellite location at Struck School. A full-service MTU provides patient evaluations, orthopedic clinics, and other services, with adequate space for client medical records and support staff. HSA anticipates opening another full-service MTU school site later this year as mandated by the State. This MTU will be located in North County. The State has approved and will provide funding for a new senior therapist position beginning in 2000-01 so that both full-service MTU locations will have on-site unit supervisors. As with other CCS therapy and treatment costs, the State and the County will share the cost of this position on a 50/50 basis. HSA is requesting the addition of 1.0 FTE "Sr. Therapist, Physically Handicapped", to the MTU. Any additional program cost will be managed within HSA's net County cost. The

position is being requested now so that the therapist can participate as soon as possible in planning and start-up activities for the new MTU, once the new County budget is adopted. This action will facilitate the MTU's opening and allow the County to meet, in a timely manner, its legal obligations to provide services to medically eligible children

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It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

- Authorize the following increase in authorized position in budget unit 3620: a 0.30
 FTE increase in Typist Clerk II position (position code: BC5022NA) and a 0.15 FTE
 increase in Typist Clerk II position (position code: BC5010TA), for a net 0.45 FTE
 increase.
- 2. Approve the transfer of \$1,275 within the Children's Medical Services budget, AUD-74 attached.
- 3. Approve the creation of 1 .OO FTE "Sr. Therapist, Physically Handicapped" position in budget unit 3620 and refer to County Personnel for classification.

Sincerely,

Rama Khalsa, Ph.D., HSA Administrato

RECOM'MENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello

County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office

Auditor-Controller County Counsel County Personnel HSA Administration HSA Personnel

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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OR REVISION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND/OR FUNDS

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