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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
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July 1, 2002

AGENDA: August 13, 2002

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Re-direction of EPSDT Funds

Dear Members of the Board:

Starting in 1995, mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in California transitioned from a single state run fee-for-service program to a consolidated program managed through each county's State authorized Mental Health Plan. In short, this change designated County Mental Health as the managed care provider of mental health services for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the County.

In March 2000, your Board approved an agreement with the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) allowing that organization to function as an intermediary with an Administrative Services Organization (ASO) on behalf of the County. This multi-year agreement continues to improve beneficiary access to care and maintains continuity of treatment services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are minors and who live out-of-home and out of county, typically in foster care or in group homes.


In order to continue the current arrangement, the County must annually authorize the State Department of Mental Health to withhold a portion of the County's EPSDT State general fund dollars and transfer those funds to CMHDA for use in paying claims. The County will continue the multi-year agreement with CMHDA to act as the County's agent to monitor and reimburse the ASO for services delivered. Any unused funds are returned to the County at the end of each fiscal year.

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the State Department of Mental Health to withhold \$10,000 from State General Funds designated for distribution to the County to provide EPSDT Specialty Mental Health Services in FY 2002-2003; and

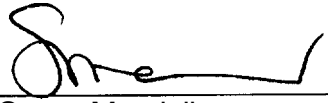
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward two (2) original signed copies of the Resolution to the Health Services Agency for processing to the State.

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, PhD
Health Services Agency Director

RECOMMENDED:



Susan Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

RK:ap
Attachment: Resolution

cc: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
HSA Administration
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Administration

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor _____
duly seconded by Supervisor _____
the following resolution is adopted:

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO
WITHHOLD \$10,000 FROM STATE GENERAL FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR INITIAL
DISTRIBUTION TO SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TO PROVIDE EPSDT SPECIALTY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County wishes to ensure access to medically necessary specialty mental health services for full scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 18 placed outside of Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the above services dollars must be transferred to the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) which will fund services authorized on behalf of Santa Cruz County beneficiaries by an administrative services organization (ASO); and

WHEREAS, the ASO will manage authorization, provider certification, contracting and claims payment for selected Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services provided to eligible children/youth placed out-of-county; and

WHEREAS, under this arrangement, the funding available for Santa Cruz County beneficiaries for EPSDT specialty mental health services will remain at the current level, and the State Department of Mental Health will consider any funds given to CMHDA on behalf of Santa Cruz County as funds given to Santa Cruz County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors authorize the State Department of Mental Health to withhold \$10,000 from State General Funds designated for initial distribution to Santa Cruz County to provide Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment specialty mental health services in Fiscal Year 2002-2003, and to forward said funds to the California Mental Health Director's Association for services provided through the ASO.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 13th day of August, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hanya A. Oberhelman
County Counsel

Distribution:

County Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Health Services Agency Administration
Community Mental Health Services
Local Mental Health Board