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June 20, 2017

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street  
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Dear Board Members:

**SUBJECT: APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2018 MASTER CONTRACT AUGMENTATION FOR SENECA TO PROVIDE AN INTENSIVE COUNSELING-ENRICHED SPECIAL DAY CLASS AT LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$252,000**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Approve a master contract augmentation for Seneca Family of Agencies (Principal: Katherine West; Location: San Leandro; Master Contract No. 900121, Procurement Number 15256) to provide an Intensive Counseling Enriched Special Day Class at Lincoln Middle School with no change in the contract period of 7/1/17 – 6/30/18, increasing the procurement contract amount from \$23,717,014 to \$23,969,014 (an increase of \$252,000); and
- B. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of Behavioral Health Care Services or his designee to execute the contract exhibits on your behalf.

**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION**

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) is requesting approval for Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca) to deliver outpatient mental health services for eight to twelve students in an Intensive Counseling Enriched Special Day Class (I-CESDC) program at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda Unified School District (AUSD). Seneca is being recommended as a result of a Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

In 1986, California Assembly Bill 3632 (AB 3632) required local public agencies to coordinate services provided to students with disabilities. Local school districts were responsible for providing counseling and guidance services to meet the child's needs while services for students requiring mental health services beyond the capacity of what the school could provide were the responsibility of the county mental health departments. In 2010, then Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger repealed AB3632. The responsibility for these mental health services for special education students was

realigned to the school districts through Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS). The BHCS Children and Youth Adult System of Care has partnered with local school districts within Alameda County to continue the provision of ERMHS to eligible children and youth, ages five up to 21 years of age, who fit the criteria for the service need.

For students who are assessed and found eligible for ERMHS, a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may recommend an I-CESDC placement, which is a structured, intensive, school-based program designed to address the student's mental health, emotional, and behavioral needs that create a barrier to effective learning. The students participating in I-CESDC have significant impairments in major life activities that have compromised their ability to self-regulate and thrive in contained or resourced classrooms without intensive interventions. Many of the I-CESDC students have concurrent high rates of disciplinary referrals due to school-related incidents.

On August 2, 2016 (Item No. 21A4), your Board approved the contract with Seneca to provide I-CESDC outpatient mental health services on an interim basis for Fiscal Year 2016-17 to fill an urgent need at AUSD's Lincoln Middle School. Seneca understood that a formal RFP process would be completed to identify an ongoing provider for these services in advance of the following school year. Your Board's approval will ensure continuity of these intensive classroom services within AUSD, and continue to support AUSD in fulfilling its ERMHS mandate to special education students.

**SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS:**

*BHCS released RFP No. 17-02 on Wednesday February 8, 2017 to fund one agency to provide ongoing I-CESDC services for students at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda. The RFP was advertised using the General Services Agency's (GSA) advertising guideline by posting on the BHCS and GSA websites. In addition, a courtesy email was sent to BHCS' contracted providers and other BHCS contacts via existing email distribution lists. BHCS held two Bidders' Conferences on Thursday February 16 in Oakland and Friday February 17 in Hayward with representation from three agencies. An evaluation panel, consisting of four subject matter experts from BHCS, Alameda Unified School District, and Special Education Local Plan Area was conducted on April 12. Bidders were notified via certified mail of the Evaluation Panel's recommendation on Monday April 17, 2017.*

*The table below summarizes the results of this RFP and the Evaluation Panel's recommendations for contract award for the I-CESDC program.*

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Certified Small, Local or Emerging</i>	<i>Score</i>
<i>Family Services Counseling Center</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>327</i>
<b><i>Seneca</i></b>	<b><i>No</i></b>	<b><i>417</i></b>

*As a non-profit community-based provider, Contractor is exempt from the County SLEB policy.*

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**FINANCING:**

Funding will be provided utilizing 2011 Realignment and County General Funds already included in the BHCS budget. There is no increase in net county cost as a result of your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Gebhart', written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Gebhart, Interim Director  
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

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**ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTE ORDER**

*The following action was taken by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on 07/11/2017*

Approved as Recommended

Other

Unanimous  Chan:  Haggerty:  Miley:  Valle:  Carson:  -  5

Vote Key: N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

Documents accompanying this matter:

Documents to be signed by Agency/Purchasing Agent:

Contract: C-900121,C-15256

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Item No. 10

Copies sent to:


M. Ransom, BHCS

Special Notes:



I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Minute Order adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, State of California.

ATTEST:  
Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors

By:   
Deputy