MEETING: October 12, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director

RE: First Amendment - Sierra Quest Human Services Foundation Agreement for STRTP

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a First Amendment to Agreement with Sierra Quest Human Services Foundation modifying specific insurance requirements; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the amendment.

This amendment combines and adjusts the liability insurance limits for a provider that has three active agreements with the County. There is no change in the provider’s compensation under the agreements.

Previously performing services as Sierra Boys Academy, the contractor became Sierra Quest Human Services Foundation (SQHSF) as a reflection of its inclusion and expansion of services for boys and girls. It is a Medi-Cal certified provider and delivers covered Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for Medi-Cal beneficiaries zero to twenty-one who meet criteria for placement in a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). Short Term Residential Treatment Programs are required to provide a variety of mental health services on site and must be contracted with the county to provide these services.

During the current agreement, insurance payments incurred by SQHSF have proven to be cost prohibitive and run the risk of impacting its ability to provide existing services. Treatment received by SQHSF for Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) clients has proven to be valuable in successfully providing services on site and at any hour of the day. As a means of maintaining this valuable relationship, this amendment requests that the insurance requirements related to Commercial General Liability and Professional Liability change to limits of $1,000,000 per occurrence and $3,000,000 for aggregate.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors approved the current agreement for STRTP with Sierra Quest Boys Academy on July 6, 2021 through Resolution No. 2021-391.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the amendment is not approved, HHSA may lose a valuable partner and may have longer wait times for clients to be served. Also, youth clients may not be served according to the higher standards of the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program.
(STRTP).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract will continue to be paid within the Mental Health budget unit.
Contract costs are offset by Medi-Cal revenue claimed for services performed.
This contract is cost neutral to the County and there is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
1st Amendment-Sierra Quest Human Services Foundations 2022v2  (PDF)
Sierra Quest HSF - STRTP - 2022 - Wsignatures - Res. #2021-391  (PDF)

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVED: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Tom Sweeney, Marshall Long, Wayne Forsythe
EXCUSED: Miles Menetrey
FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM, is made and entered into this 12th day of October 2021, by and between the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “County,” and Sierra Quest Human Services Foundation, hereinafter referred to as “Contractor.”

WHEREAS, County and Contractor have heretofore entered into an Agreement dated July 6, 2021, wherein Contractor agreed to provide specialty mental health services in a short term residential therapeutic program; and

WHEREAS, County and Contractor desire to amend said Agreement to modify the insurance requirements of the Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto in consideration of the mutual covenants herein recited, hereby agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 4.A(1), “Commercial General Liability (CGL),” is hereby amended to provide that Contractor agrees to the following insurance requirements: Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal and advertising injury with limits no less than $1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate limit shall be $3,000,000.

2. Paragraph 4.A(4), “Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions),” is hereby amended to provide that Contractor agrees to the following insurance requirements: Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions): Insurance appropriate to Contractor’s profession, with a limit of no less than $1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, $3,000,000 aggregate.

Except as herein amended, the Agreement dated July 6, 2021 shall remain in full force and effect.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Amendment to be executed on the date first above written.

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

Marshall Long, Chair
Board of Supervisors

CONTRACTOR

Scott Seymour, Executive Director
Quest Community Counseling Services

COUNTERSIGNED:

(Government Code §25103)

Tracy Gauthier

Rene LaRoche
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven W. Dahlem
County Counsel