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**Agenda Item
Special Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, June 30, 2026**

Item Number: 1.A

MEETING DATE: 06/30/2026
DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Geraldine Arce
DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Rachel White

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - R. WHITE

1. Approve contract renewal with Rebekah Children's Services in the amount of \$550,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 to provide specialty mental health outpatient services for children and Transitional Age Youth (TAY) populations within San Benito County; and
 2. Authorize Chair, County Executive Officer, or designee to sign contract.
- SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Rebekah Children's Services provides specialty mental health outpatient services for children and transitional age youth (TAY) populations and their families within San Benito County. RCS provides a variety of services including youth therapy services, Family Urgent Response Services (FURS), Child and Family Team (CFT), Parents As Teachers (PAT), parenting classes, evidence-based childcare, anger management groups, and transitional housing.

San Benito County Behavioral Health has had difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified clinicians leading to high vacancy and turnover rates within the office. The shortage of clinicians has been an issue for many other counties statewide. By contracting with a community-based organization, the department

is working to fill any gaps in services to the community members that would benefit from outpatient mental health services.

As part of this contract agreement, RCS provides qualified clinicians to support SBCBH's Children Services of Care unit. RCS works with SBCBH to provide continuous care to those receiving services at the department while deemed medically necessary. RCS has the experience and staff to provide a variety of specialty mental health services on behalf of the department.

According to their website, RCS has been a mental health provider for decades developing several programs and has built a great reputation in the communities they serve in San Benito County and Santa Clara Counties. They were originally founded in 1897 as the Odd-Fellow Rebekah Children's Home of Northern California as an orphanage, and is currently the last operating Odd-Fellow Children's Home in the country.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Rebekah Children's Services was one of two organizations awarded the request for proposal (RFP BH23-002) in 2023 for specialty mental health outpatient services for children and transitional age youth (TAY) populations and their families within San Benito County for fiscal years 2023-2026. Three organizations had applied for the RFP in which two were awarded contracts - RCS and Seneca Family of Agencies. RCS has developed a solid partnership with SBCBH through the years and has built a great community engagement with mutual clients. They also literally built a local site in town at the former Chamberlain's Youth Services and has transformed it into transitional family housing and support services. They participate in local outreach, have conducted multiple presentations, and created several flyers to inform the local community about their services.

RCS currently provides services to about 60-75 youth clients. It is crucial for continuity of care to maintain relations with RCS so that youth can continue to see the same clinicians who they have become familiar with which is very important for youth in their growth and development especially with their mental health needs. There continues to be a general shortage of clinicians statewide. SBCBH has had difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified clinicians leading to high vacancy and turnover rates within the clinic especially in comparison to neighboring counties especially for clinicians who provide services to youth. Being able to contract with community-based organizations like RCS helps with the staffing for SBCBH and being able to continue to provide the needed mental health services for SBCBH clients and the community. RCS helps increase access to mental health services in San Benito County.

The FY 23-26 contract went through 3 amendments with Amendment #1 expanding services to include FURS and TBS along with an updated provider rate schedule and pass through rates, Amendment #2 adding case management services, and with Amendment #3 adjusting rates to mirror the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) rates.

SBCBH plans to RFP for children's services for FY 27-28.

The following is a summary of RCS's most recent contracts and amendments:

- FY 23-26 – contract budget is \$2,489,997
 - Actual Costs = \$1,525,577.25
 - FY 23/24 - \$526,018.60
 - FY 24/25 - \$507,416.83
 - FY 25/26 to date - \$492,141.82
 - Amendments# 1-3 had no changes to the contract budget, only to scope of services or rates
- FY 22-23 – contract budget was \$300,000 with actual cost \$190,282.92
 - Amendment# 1 – budget was updated to \$350,000
- FY 21-22 – contract budget was \$400,000 with actual cost \$171,600.93
- FY 20-21 – contract budget was \$145,000 with actual cost at zero
- FY 19-20 – contract budget was \$40,000 with actual cost at zero

The G/L# is 228.90.2520.1000.619.250

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Rebekah Children's Services](#)
[FY26-27 Rebekah Children's Services Contract rev2.pdf](#)
[SBCBH-RCS Sole Source Justification.pdf](#)