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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** May 27, 2025

**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 9

**SUBJECT:** Approve a retroactive amendment to the agreement with the Regents of the University of California, dba University of California, Davis, for psychological evaluations, adoption psychological evaluations, psychotherapy, parent and child bonding assessments and sibling assessments which increases rates and extends the term.

**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** All

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Bailey Cogger, HHSA Deputy Branch Director - Behavioral Health and Social Services, (530) 225-5900

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Cindy Lane, MSW, HHSA Branch Director - Behavioral Health and Social Services

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
Simple Majority Vote	No Additional General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve a retroactive amendment to the agreement with Regents of the University of California, dba University of California, Davis (UC Davis), for psychological evaluations, adoption psychological evaluations, psychotherapy, parent and child bonding assessments and sibling assessments, which increases the hourly rates by \$50 each and extends the term by one year, beginning March 12, 2025, and ending March 11, 2026, while maintaining the original maximum compensation of \$120,000 for the entire contract term of March 12, 2024 through March 11, 2026.

### **DISCUSSION**

UC Davis provides Individual Psychological Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluations, Psychotherapy, Parent/Child Bonding Assessments and Sibling Assessments for youth and parents as ordered by the juvenile dependency court.

Under the terms of this agreement UC Davis licensed psychologists will administer court-ordered psychological tests, conduct structured interviews, and review available records and documentation to evaluate for the presence of psychological disorders or personality characteristics that may have an impact upon an individual's behavior, with respect to their parenting skills.

UC Davis also will conduct Parent/Child Bonding Assessments to determine the nature and quality of the child's relationship with birth and/or resource parents, often to address the question of who occupies the position of greatest centrality for the child's wellbeing. This is roughly equivalent to determining which adult(s) serve as the psychological parent to the child.

Behavioral Health and Social Services has conducted multiple competitive procurement cycles in the past seeking additional providers with limited to no responses. Due to these failed attempts, this amendment to the current agreement is retroactive in order to allow for the County to pay for the services which the University has been providing since March 12, 2025, and continued services through March 11, 2026.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board could choose not to approve this agreement, defer consideration to a future date, or provide alternate direction to staff. If the Board chooses not to approve this agreement, defers consideration to a future date, or provides alternate direction to staff, the Health and Human Services Agency Behavioral Health and Social Services Branch will be required to continue to utilize non-contracted Psychiatrists to conduct these Court ordered evaluations which increases risk to County.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form. Risk Management has approved the agreement. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office. Shasta County Probation has reviewed and approved the agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Costs of the services delivered via this contract on a fee-for-service basis are included in the Child Welfare Services allocation (BU 501) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget, which requires a County-share of cost met largely through Realignment. Additional appropriations and expenditures will be included in future year budget requests.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1: UC Davis Amendment

**Amendment No. 1 to University Agreement No. 006979**

**Parties to this Amendment:** The Regents of the University of California, acting for and on behalf of University of California, Davis Health (“University”).

and

County of Shasta (“Contractor”).

**Original Agreement:** Agreement To Provide Professional Medical Services (UNIVERSITY Agreement No. 006979) with an effective date of March 12, 2024 (“Agreement”).

**Effective Date of this Amendment:** March 12, 2025 (“Effective Date”).

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto desire to amend certain terms of the Agreement; and

THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Defined Terms. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.
2. Amendment(s) to the Agreement.
  - A. The term of the Agreement shall be extended from March 12, 2025, through March 11, 2026.
  - B. Exhibit A Scope of Work and Budget shall be replaced in its entirety by Exhibit A Scope of Work and Budget, attached hereto and incorporated herein.
  - C. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.
3. Ratification of the Agreement. Except as expressly set forth in this Amendment, the Agreement shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.
4. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which constitute one instrument. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a “.pdf” format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or “.pdf” signature page were an original thereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of University and Contractor have executed this Amendment as of the last date of signature written below.

**AGREED:**

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY  
OF CALIFORNIA ON BEHALF OF  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DAVIS HEALTH**

**COUNTY OF SHASTA**

By:  Pakou Vang  
Pakou Vang  
Supervisor, Health Affairs Business  
Contracts

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KEVIN W. CRYE, CHAIR  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Shasta  
State of California

Date: May 9, 2025

Date: \_\_\_\_\_


**ATTEST:**

DAVID J. RICKERT  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy


APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOSEPH LARMOUR  
County Counsel

RISK MANAGEMENT APPROVAL

By:  Trisha C. Weber  
Trisha C. Weber  
Assistant County Counsel

Signed by:

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By:  Dolyene Lane  
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Risk Manager

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET**

**A. SERVICES:**

- (1) Provide Individual Psychological Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluations, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Parent/Child Bonding Assessments, or Sibling Assessments that address the referral questions/areas of concern as presented on the HHSA BHSS Referral for Services, Exhibit B or Probation Referral for Services, Exhibit C, using appropriate clinical techniques and protocols. The Psychologist who completes an Individual Psychological Evaluation, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluations, Parent/Child Bonding Assessment or Sibling Assessment shall be available for consultation with County staff and may be called to testify in the Shasta County Juvenile Dependency or Delinquency Court. No additional issues beyond those raised in the Referral for Services shall be addressed in an Individual Psychological Evaluation, Adoption Psychological Evaluation, Parent/Child Bonding Assessment, or Sibling Assessment without prior written authorization from the Program Manager. The number of sessions/hours authorized will be reflected in the Referral for Services and shall not be for a period of time more than the following prescribed time per session or evaluation/assessment:
  - a. Psychological Evaluations, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluations, Parent/Child Bonding Assessments, or Sibling Assessments – Maximum 10 hours per Evaluation or Assessment.
- (2) Obtain advanced approval in writing from the Program Manager or their designee for additional hours above those indicated on the Referral for Services. University must provide written justification to the Program Manager or their designee to request additional hours/sessions of service. No additional services shall be performed by University unless approved in advance and in writing by Contractor.
- (3) Agree that each Referral for Services shall remain in effect for six months from the date on the Referral for Services. University shall only provide, and only be compensated for Individual Psychological Evaluations, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluations, Parent/Child Bonding Assessments, or Sibling Assessments specifically requested and performed in a Referral for Services.
- (4) Make a minimum of three attempts to contact Clients referred by Contractor and schedule each Individual Psychological Evaluation, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluation, Parent/Child Bonding Assessment, Sibling Assessment in order of University's receipt of the Referral for Services.
- (5) Notify Contractor within 15 working days of University's receipt of the Referral for Services if Client refuses to participate in referred services or if Client is a "No-show" for scheduled services. University shall provide services to Client if Client contacts University within six months from the date on the Referral for Services.
- (6) Deliver each written Individual Psychological Evaluation, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluation, Parent/Child Bonding Assessment, or Sibling Assessment prepared pursuant to this agreement via encrypted email at [cscontracts@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:cscontracts@co.shasta.ca.us) or to Behavioral Health and Social Services, Program Analyst, 1313 Yuba Street, Redding, CA 96001 or for Probation referrals submit documents via fax at 530-225-5448 or deliver in person to 1810 Market Street, Redding, CA 96001 during business hours. Each Individual

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Psychological Evaluation, Adoption Psychological Evaluation, Parent/Child Bonding Assessment, or Sibling Assessment prepared pursuant to this agreement must be received by County within 21 working days of completion of Client contacts to perform assessment/evaluations.

- (7) Maintain a written record of the dates and hours spent providing Individual Psychological Evaluations, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluations, Parent/Child Bonding Assessments, or Sibling Assessments under this agreement, including the name of each Client and child(ren), and dates and duration of service for each service provided to those who have received Individual Psychological Evaluation, Adoption Psychological Evaluation, Parent/Child Bonding Assessment, or Sibling Assessment.
- (8) Assure that Psychologists who provide Individual Psychological Evaluations, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluations, Parent/Child Bonding Assessments or Sibling Assessments under this agreement attend required training at the request of Contractor, and at Contractor's expense, regarding court testimony and child welfare issues.
- (9) If requested by Contractor, and at Contractor's expense, ensure that each Psychologist performing services pursuant to this agreement shall participate in Contractor case staffing, team meetings, attend Contractor department meetings, and conduct Psychological Evaluations at County, as requested by Contractor.
- (10) Prior to entering into this agreement, provide proof of current licensure, for each Psychologist providing services under this agreement, from the California Board of Psychology, California Department of Consumer Affairs. Provide proof of current licensure for each Psychologist providing services under this agreement within ten working days of each license renewal.
- (11) Provide written notification to HHSA BHSS Branch, at [cscontracts@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:cscontracts@co.shasta.ca.us), or the Juvenile Probation Department submit via fax at 530-225-5448 or deliver in person to 1810 Market Street, Redding, CA 96001 during business hours within 10 working days of any changes in status (i.e. license renewal, complaints filed with the licensing board or legal action) of any Psychologist providing Individual Psychological Evaluations, Psychological-Sexual Evaluations, Adoption Psychological Evaluations, Parent/Child Bonding Assessments, or Sibling Assessments under this agreement.
- (12) If requested by Contractor, and at Contractor's expense, ensure Psychologist testifies in the Shasta County Juvenile Dependency or Delinquency Court.

B. As required by Government Code section 7550, each document or report prepared by University for or under the direction of Contractor pursuant to this agreement shall contain the numbers and dollar amount of the agreement and all subcontracts under the agreement relating to the preparation of the document or written report. If multiple documents or written reports are the subject of the agreement or subcontracts, the disclosure section may also contain a statement indicating that the total agreement amount represents compensation for multiple documents or written reports. University shall label the bottom of the last page of the document or report as follows: department name, agreement number, and dollar amount. If more than one document or report is produced under this agreement, University shall add: "This [document or report] is one of [number] produced under this agreement."

C. University shall promulgate and implement written procedures (Grievance Procedures) whereby recipients of services shall have the opportunity to express and have considered their views, grievances, and complaints regarding the delivery of services pursuant to this agreement. University shall provide a copy of University's Grievance Procedures to Contractor for review and approval prior to providing services

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pursuant to this agreement. University shall report all client grievances, and the nature thereof, in writing to the Contractor's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), BHSS Branch Director (Branch Director) or the Chief Probation Officer within 10 business days of learning of the grievance. Upon resolution of a grievance or conclusion of the grievance process, University shall, within 10 business days of the resolution or conclusion of the grievance process, report in writing to the Branch Director or Chief Probation Officer how the grievance was resolved or concluded.

- D. University shall ensure and provide written verification thereof to Contractor, that all staff and volunteers working or providing services under this agreement receive appropriate clearance following a federal and state criminal records check and a California Department of Motor Vehicles record check.
- E. University shall take reasonable steps to prevent the illegal use of agreement funds. University agrees to notify Contractor of any suspected illegal use of agreement funds. University shall meet with Contractor or its delegate for consultation when there is suspected illegal use of funds.
- F. Acknowledge the funding source of all activities undertaken pursuant to this agreement by including in any educational and training materials, audio visual aids, interviews with press, flyers, or publications created specifically under this Agreement the following statement: "This activity (or program) has been funded (or sponsored) by the County of Shasta through the California Department of Social Services."



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**CAARE Diagnostic and Treatment Center  
Department of Pediatrics  
Mental Health Services  
FY 2025-2026**

<b>Evaluations</b>	<b>Staff Psychologist</b>	<b>Evaluation Program Managers</b>
Psychological evaluations	\$400 per hour	\$450 per hour
<b>Expert Witness Testimony</b>	<b>Staff Psychologist</b>	<b>Evaluation Program Managers</b>
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<b>Travel</b>	<b>Staff Psychologist</b>	<b>Evaluation Program Managers</b>
Travel time to/from the CAARE Center and service delivery location.	\$400 per hour	\$450 per hour
<b>No show</b>	<b>Staff Psychologist</b>	<b>Evaluation Program Managers</b>
Scheduled appointments missed without 24-hour prior notice will be billed for one hour. Appointments cancelled with more than 24 hour notice will not be billed.	\$400 per hour	\$450 per hour