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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street  
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**SUBJECT: APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT OF PRIOR YEARS' COST REPORT SETTLEMENTS FOR SIXTEEN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$759,766**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Approve the reimbursement of Medi-Cal cost report settlements for FY 2010-11 through FY 2019-20 to the following sixteen community-based organizations providing mental health services for a total amount of \$759,766:
- i. Abode Services (Principal: Louis Chicoine; Location: Fremont) Master Contract No. 900216, Procurement Contract No. 7670, in the amount of \$30;
  - ii. Afghan Coalition (Principal: Rona Popal; Location: Fremont) Master Contract No. 900714, Procurement Contract No. 16518/18334, in the amount of \$4,793;
  - iii. Alameda County Homeless Action Center (Principal: Patricia Wall; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900130, Procurement Contract No. 15124, in the amount of \$34;
  - iv. Alameda Family Services (Principal: Katherine Schwartz; Location: Alameda) Master Contract No. 900071, Procurement Contract No. 7730/9023, in the amount of \$25,252;
  - v. Axis Community Health (Principal: Liz Perez-Howe; Location: Pleasanton) Master Contract No. 000006, Procurement Contract No. 8989, in the amount of \$4,000;
  - vi. Bonita House, Inc. (Principal: Than Nguyen; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900109, Procurement Contract No. 5337/6402, in the amount \$162,351;
  - vii. Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (Principal: Donald Frazier; Location: Berkeley) Master Contract No. 900081, Procurement Contract No. 18367, in the amount of \$8,278;
  - viii. Family Support Services (Principal: Cheryl Smith; Location: Fremont) Master Contract No. 900176, Procurement Contract No. 7665, in the amount of \$1,147;

- ix. Fred Finch Youth Center (Principal: Thomas Alexander; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900114, Procurement Contract No. 10164, in the amount of \$236,095;
- x. Health & Human Resources Education Center (Principal: Tania Benet; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900089, Procurement Contract No. 18406, in the amount of \$3,143;
- xi. La Clinica de la Raza (Principal: Jane Garcia; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900116, Procurement Contract No. 7698/11631, in the amount of \$177,489;
- xii. Mental Health Association of Alameda County (Principal: Kathryn Huber; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900136, Procurement Contract No. 9185, in the amount of \$2,354;
- xiii. Native American Health Center (Principal: Martin Waukazoo; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900095, Procurement Contract No. 8992, in the amount of \$3,500;
- xiv. Portia Bell Hume Health and Training Center (Principal: Joty Sikand; Location: Concord) Master Contract No. 900076, Procurement Contract No. 9190, in the amount of \$35,516;
- xv. Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (Principal: Teiahsha Bankhead; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900206, Procurement Contract No. 18385, in the amount of \$22,826;
- xvi. The West Oakland Health Center (Principal: Robert Phillips; Location: Oakland) Master Contract No. 900105, Procurement Contract No. 8996/10123, in the amount of \$72,958; and

B. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to issue Purchase Orders to pay the settlements valid 4/1/23 – 6/30/24.

### **DISCUSSION/SUMMARY**

Under the California implementation of the Federal Medicaid program, known as Medi-Cal, the provision of specialty mental health services is delegated to the 58 California counties. Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) functions as the Mental Health Plan for specialty mental health services on behalf of Alameda County. The ACBH contract with the California Department of Health Services (DHCS) for the Mental Health Plan requires that ACBH deliver an array of inpatient and outpatient services across all age groups for County residents whose mental health needs meet the criteria for specialty mental health services.

Participation in the Mental Health Plan requires each County to make a financial settlement with DHCS based on the final cost of services. In Alameda County, ACBH contracts with approximately 165 community-based providers and hospitals, over 200 individual and group providers, and delivers mental health services directly through five County clinics. The total cost of services delivered must be determined for each provider and for the County as a whole before a final settlement with the State can be reached. ACBH is currently in the process of settling prior year contracts with its community-based providers on a flow basis. The process is long because each claim for service is verified by DHCS to ensure that the client was eligible for Medi-Cal at the time the service was delivered, and the services can be audited to determine that they were medically necessary. The State may deny claims and then ACBH and its providers have the right to appeal those denials. ACBH may only reach its final settlement with each provider when the County's settlement with the State has been finalized.

ACBH has completed cost report settlements for FY 2010/11 through FY 2019/20 with sixteen community-based organizations for the mental health services provided in those prior fiscal years. ACBH is requesting that your

Board approve the settlement payments and the establishment of new purchase orders to complete the payments.

The purchase orders for the prior year contracts have expired even though the allocations have not exceeded the maximum payable under the contracts. Your Board's action will allow ACBH to create new purchase orders so that funds may be encumbered to pay the settlements for the sixteen providers specified on Attachment A. ACBH will return to your Board for settlements with additional providers as the process moves forward.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

*ACBH has prior Board approval and contractual obligations to pay these providers the additional funds indicated. The selection process for these contracts varied by the type of program and date the program was initiated. As non-profit community-based organizations providing direct services on behalf of the County, these providers are SLEB certificated or exempt from SLEB requirements as listed on Attachment A.*


#### **FINANCING**

ACBH plans for settlements to be made to providers on an ongoing basis. Funding for these payments will come from the General Fund and is included in the ACBH FY 2022-23 Budget. Approval of these recommendations will have no impact on net County costs.

#### **VISION 2027 GOAL**

The cost report settlement reimbursements meet the 10X goal pathway of **Healthcare for All** in support of the shared vision of a **Thriving and Resilient Population**.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director

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