

SUBJECT: WALK-ON Music Therapy for Special Education Classes

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: Clare Davies, Director of Student Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The District Administration recommends that the Board review and approve a contract for Music Therapy to be provided to the Special Education SDC classrooms for students with moderate to severe disabilities; Preschool, Robert Down, PGMS, and PGHS.

BACKGROUND:

Music Therapy was added to the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, in May 2014. Specifically, Article 5, Section 3051.21 defines music therapy and clarified personnel qualifications. Music Therapy is one of many related services which may be required to assist students with disabilities to benefit from special education. A Music Therapist must possess a Board Certified credential from the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT).

INFORMATION:

Students enrolled in the special classes for students with moderate to severe disabilities will receive enrichment and educational benefit from the provision of Music Therapy as an integrated component of their specialized program. Presently, the students in the preschool program are not receiving Music as they would if they were placed in TK and Kindergarten classrooms on the elementary campuses. We believe that the provision of Music Therapy would greatly improve the language, social, emotional and behavioral needs of the students and enhance progress towards their IEP goals.

This is a new contract to continue the service that was provided last school year with Board approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Restricted mental health dollars will fund the cost of Music Therapy as per the SELPA mental health proposal dated January 31, 2017. Projected cost for 32 weeks of Music Therapy for 4 classrooms one day per week, including consultation to teachers and staff, and music therapy adapted instruments and materials is \$17,000

PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

435 Hillcrest Avenue

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

(To be used for provision of services involving **no** potential for liability exposure for District)

This contract is an agreement between the Pacific Grove Unified School District and Amelia K. Chapman, MT-BC, NMT for services rendered as specified below.

1. Scope of Service:

Qualified Music Therapist will provide in class music therapy enrichment, adaptive music supplies and instruments, and integrated consultation to staff, in the PGUSD special classes for students with moderate to severe disabilities located at Preschool, Robert Down, PGMS and PGHS.

2. Expected outcome(s)

Students will have access to Music Therapy as a research based methodology to enhance progress towards language, social-emotional, behavioral and emotional IEP goals. Consultation will be provided to staff on voice modulation and the integration of Music throughout the school day to support language acquisition, behavior and emotional regulation and social interactions.

3. Dates of Service:

September 2017-June 2018

4. Financial Arrangements:

32 weeks serving 4 classrooms, consultation, music therapy adapted instruments and materials

Total projection \$17,000

Funding Source-01-6512-0-5001-0000-8590-00-000-1546-0000

Restricted State Mental Health funds only to be used for students on IEPs

Consultant: IsoRhythms Music Therapy

Address: 1466 Darwin St., Seaside, CA 93955

Signed _____ Date _____

District Employee

Independent Consultant *

Signed _____ Date _____

Site/Program Administrator – (Check appropriate box below)

Contracted work was assigned using District's normal employment recruitment process.

Contracted work was not assigned using District's normal employment recruitment process. Attached Criteria Page (REQUIRED) identifies reason.

Signed _____ Date _____

Director of Human Resources

Signed _____ Date _____

Asst. Supt./Supt.

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.

***Independent Consultant** must sign and submit a W-9 to District prior to providing service.

Contract for Services Criteria

District/Site Administrator – Please circle criteria that applies and sign below.

- (1) There is a specifically documented cost savings relative to using district employment. (The documentation requirements are specified and must be attached).
- (2) The contract is for new school district functions and the Legislature has specifically mandated or authorized the performance of the work by independent contractors.
- (3) The services contracted are not available within the district, cannot be performed satisfactorily by school district employees, or are of such a highly specialized or technical nature that the necessary expert knowledge, experience, and ability are not available through the school district.
- (4) The services are incidental to a contract for the purchase or lease of real or personal property. Contracts under this criterion, known as "service agreements," shall include, but not be limited to, agreements to service or maintain office equipment or computers that are leased or rented.
- (5) The policy, administrative, or legal goals and purposes of the district cannot be accomplished through the utilization of persons selected pursuant to the regular or ordinary school district hiring process. Contracts are permissible under this criterion to protect against a conflict of interest or to ensure independent and unbiased findings in cases where there is a clear need for a different, outside perspective. These contracts shall include, but not be limited to, obtaining expert witnesses in litigation.
- (6) The nature of the work is such that the criteria for emergency appointments apply. "Emergency appointment" means an appointment made for a period not to exceed 60 working days either during an actual emergency to prevent the stoppage of public business or because of the limited duration of the work. The method of selection and the qualification standards for an emergency employee shall be determined by the district. The frequency of appointment, length of employment, and the circumstances appropriate for the appointment of firms or individuals under emergency appointments shall be restricted so as to prevent the use of emergency appointments to circumvent the regular or ordinary hiring process.
- (7) The contractor will provide equipment, materials, facilities, or support services that could not feasibly be provided by the school district in the location where the services are to be performed.
- (8) The services are of such an urgent, temporary, or occasional nature that the delay incumbent in their implementation under the district's regular or ordinary hiring process would frustrate their very purpose.

District/Site Administrator

Date