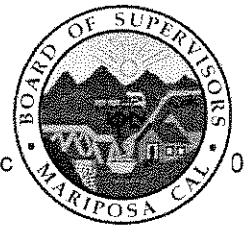




# MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services



## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-325**

MEETING: August 6, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director

RE: Joy McClure Mental Health Counseling Provider Contract

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve an Agreement with Joy McClure, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$80,000 to Provide Counseling Services as an Independent Contractor for Mental Health Clients who Have Medicare And/Or Private Insurance; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

Clients will be referred to independent contractors: a) for intake assessments, treatment plans and individual progress notes by Behavioral Health Services staff; and b) the Behavioral Health Social Work Supervisor overseeing clinical staff has made a determination that the referral to an independent contractor is appropriate. All independent contractors will work under the guidelines established by the Mental Health Services Contract currently in effect between the Human Services Department and the State Department of Mental Health as outlined in Exhibit A of the contract.

In 2008 the Mariposa County Mental Health Board recommended that the Human Services Department consider contracting out to independent counselors those mental health clients who could benefit from a community counseling setting based on their Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) ratings. The GAF is a numeric scale (0 through 100) used by mental health clinicians and physicians to subjectively rate the social, occupational, and psychological functioning of adults, i.e., how well or adaptively one is meeting various problems-in-living. Under these guidelines, the staff of Mariposa County Behavioral Health (MCBH) can refer those clients to an independent contractor. The clients that are to be referred to the MCBH provider shall have a GAF score that is mutually agreed upon by MCBH and the MCBH independent provider. This eligibility is to be decided on a case by case basis.

The purpose behind this recommendation from the Mental Health Board was to shift a less restrictive caseload from county staff to independent counselors. Under an independent contract, a community counselor is able to provide billable Medicare services. This will free up staff resources within the Department which can then be directed to more complex cases and help to reduce waiting lists for services.

### **MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW:**

On recurring contract renewals the Mental Health Advisory Board has set direction that such contracts will be available for review by the Mental Health Advisory Board members and do not require review unless there are changes in the provisions of the contract prior to coming to the Board of Supervisors. This contract meets the criteria and is submitted to the Board of

supervisors for a positive action.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The previous contract was approved by the Board on August 21, 2012, resolution 2012-428.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

This community provider contract will increase total Medicare billing through Mariposa County Behavioral Health. If the contract is not approved, total Medicare billing will be decreased.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**These contract service providers are cost-neutral to Mariposa County because they generate offsetting revenue through the Medicare billing process. All other clients referred to this provider will be billed through her private practice and not reimbursable from Human Services. These independent contractors are responsible to provide for their own costs. The Department estimates that county staff will be able to increase revenue to the Department through increased billing, by billing at higher rates for more complex cases, and by increasing the frequency of visits by other clients; therefore, there is no anticipated current or future impact to the county general fund.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Joy McClure Provider contract 2014 (PDF)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

  
Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** John Carrier, District V Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**AYES:** Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier