

**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**AGENDA
ACTION FORM**

DATE: 08/19/03
AGENDA ITEM NO. CA-7

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

BY: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
PHONE: 966-2442

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

See attached.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See attached.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

See attached.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$ 1,000	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Memo to Board of Supervisors (one page)
Source: Medi-Cal Managed Care Internal Transfer _____		Agreement Between County and CMHDA (14 pages)
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		_____
() General () Other		_____

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
 Res. No.: 03-310 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved _____
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
 Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments: _____

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
 Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California
 By: _____
 Deputy

CAO: *[Signature]*



**MARIPOSA COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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Alcohol & Drug Community Action Housing Authority Mental Health Public Guardian/Conservator Social Services
CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, MSW, DIRECTOR

DATE: August 1, 2003

TO: Members, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer

FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly

RE: Request to Continue Utilization of ASO Services through Approval of a Contract with the California Mental Health Directors' Association (CMHDA)

Recommendation

It is respectfully recommended that your Board: (1) approve a contract for FY 2003-04 between the County of Mariposa and the California Mental Health Directors' Association (CMHDA), which arranges needed mental health services through the Administrative Services Organization (ASO) for eligible foster children and youth who have been placed in homes outside of Mariposa County; (2) authorize the California Department of Mental Health to withhold and transfer from Medi-Cal Managed Care funds an amount it has designated to fund services provided by the ASO (\$1,000 for Fiscal Year 2003-04); and (3) upon approval by County Counsel, authorize the Department of Human Services Director to approve this contract in future fiscal years.

Background/Current Situation

For the past three years Mariposa County has contracted with the California Mental Health Directors' Association to use its Administrative Services Organization to act as our agent to facilitate access to mental health services for Medi-Cal eligible children and youth who have been placed in out-of-county foster care. The development of the Administrative Services Organization came about as a statewide solution to the problems counties were experiencing finding and credentialing out-of-county mental health service providers. The counties were also experiencing difficulties securing approval to access these services on behalf of the foster children, arranging for contracts, paying claims, and ensuring quality of care. The ASO has been funded in past years by an arrangement with the California Department of Mental Health to withhold a small portion of the funds allocated to the counties for programs serving Medi-Cal eligible children and youth. In FY 2001-02 and FY 2002-03 the funds were withheld from Mariposa County's allocation for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment funds in the amount of \$1,150 each year.

At present the California Department of Mental Health has contracted with CMHDA to withhold and transfer funds from the Medi-Cal Managed Care allocation to the ASO. The amount designated for 2003-04 to serve Mariposa County clients is \$1,000. Board of Supervisors approval of an updated contract with CMHDA is needed for these funds to be released to the ASO on behalf of Mariposa County so that our qualifying children and youth can continue to receive services.

Financial

This service will cost \$1,000 for FY 2003-04 and will be deducted from Medi-Cal Managed Care funds allocated to Mariposa County. This cost is very reasonable for the full range of services provided so well by the ASO. There is no impact on the General Fund.