



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services · (209) 966-2000



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-175

MEETING: April 19, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Quest Community Counseling Mental Health Provider Contract

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a First Amendment with Quest Community Counseling Services increasing the not to exceed amount by \$20,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$100,000 to Provide Counseling Services for Mental Health Clients; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Amendment.

Quest Community Counseling Services is a Medi-Cal certified provider and may provide counseling services to clients that have Medicare, Medi-Cal, and/or private insurance.

Medi-Cal clients referred to this contractor may be seen as long as necessary for the purpose of stabilization. Clients seen over a period of time must continue to meet medical necessity as evidenced by a yearly treatment plan update. All records for these referred clients must be kept in the Mariposa County Behavioral Health Anasazi Electronic Health Record system. Case documentation that meets professional standards must be kept in the Anasazi system, including acceptable updated assessments, treatment plans and progress notes. Documentation will be monitored by the Behavioral Health Utilization Review Committee. 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.

The need for the services provided by this vendor have been greater than anticipated and in order to be able to continue using this vendor, the not to exceed amount of the original Agreement needs to be increased.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW:

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. 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,

Medi-Cal, and/or Private Insurance 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.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The current agreement for this facility was approved by the Board on August 18, 2015, by Resolution Number 2015-409.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

This community provider contract will increase total Medicare and/or Medi-Cal billing through Mariposa County Behavioral Health. If the contract is not approved, total billing may be decreased and we may have longer wait times for clients to be served.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the Behavioral Health budget to accommodate the requested increase in the compensation amount. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Quest Community Counseling PSA Amendment One 2016 (PDF)

Quest Community Counseling Services PSA and Exhibit A 2016 signed (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended



Mary Hodson, CAO 4/13/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier