



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-362**

MEETING: July 12, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with Benchmark Behavioral System to Provide Intensive Youth Treatment Services

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve an Agreement with Benchmark Behavioral System, Inc. to provide intensive youth treatment services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

Benchmark Behavioral System, Inc. provides a comprehensive scope of services for youth with severe behavioral issues. Benchmark provides a multi-disciplinary approach to quality care in a setting near Salt Lake City, Utah. Benchmark provides Individual, Group, and Family Therapy; Medical and Psychiatric Care; Psychological Testing; Nursing Care; Nutritional Services; Academics; Therapeutic Recreation; and Vocational Programs. Facilities that provide comprehensive care for youth with such serious needs are in very short supply. Staff conducted an extensive search for an appropriate placement with an opening and there were none in California. The Child Welfare Services Unit and Mental Health programs has a need to continue placement in this type of facility.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The current contract for Benchmark Behavioral System, Inc. was approved by the Board on July 7, 2015 by Resolution 2015-332.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Human Services utilizes this facility to serve youth with severe treatment needs. If this agreement is not approved, Mariposa County Behavioral Health will have no other option but to find alternatives for current and future clients who need this level of care.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**Funding for this contract is incorporated in the FY16/17 budget for the Behavioral Health budget unit 001-0402. There is no impact to the General Fund.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**Benchmark Behavioral Health System PSA 2017 Wc-sig (PDF)**  
**Benchmark Behavioral 2017 Exhibit A (DOCX)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

  
Mary Hodsos, CAO 7/6/2016

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

**MOVER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier