



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services/Behavioral Health & Recovery Service



## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-409**

MEETING: August 2, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with Whitefawn Wellness, Inc. to Provide MH Triage Services

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve an Agreement with Whitefawn Wellness, Inc. to provide Mental Health Triage Services in an amount not to exceed \$70,000; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The triage contractor, under general supervision of the after-hours supervisor, will provide mental health triage response for individuals in the hospital, the jail and in the field when the Sheriff's department requests a triage worker to respond with them. The triage worker will determine if a community member qualifies for a psychiatric assessment or whether there are resources from family members, a friend or other community individuals that can provide support so the individual can remain in his/her home.

This Agreement is necessary to perform the activities of the Mental Health Triage Grant. The Human Services Department has received a Triage grant award in the amount \$699,428, with a contract term from March 24, 2014, through June 30, 2017. The Mental Health Triage Contractors will provide 24 hour services to clients in a mental health crisis.

The grant funding must be used to expand and enhance the Department's ability to adequately respond to mental health crisis situations experienced by the residents of Mariposa County.

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

This is a first-time contract with Whitefawn Wellness, Inc. Whitefawn Wellness, Inc. will replace a previous counselor whose contract will not be renewed. The Board approved an existing Agreement with a different counselor on July 7, 2015 by Resolution 2015-333.

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

If this Agreement is not approved, the Department may be unable to comply with the grant terms that expand mental health crisis services to County residents. Non-compliance may jeopardize all or part of the grant funding.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**This contract is fully funded by the Triage Grant Award accepted by the Board on June 17, 2014. These grant dollars are budgeted in the Mental Health Services Act Triage Grant fund 443 for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and there is no impact to the General Fund.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Whitefawn Wellness Contract 2017 (PDF)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

  
Mary Hodson, CAO 7/26/2016

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

**MOVER:** Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

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

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