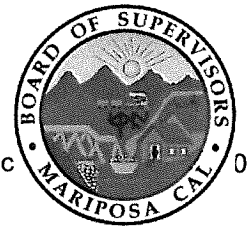




MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-529

MEETING: October 4, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Joy McClure Mental Health Counseling Provider Agreement 2017

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with Joy McClure in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide counseling services for mental health clients and supervision of Department interns; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

Joy McClure is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with a counseling office in Mariposa. Joy McClure will provide counseling services to Mariposa County Behavioral Health clients that have Medicare, Medi-Cal, and/or private insurance. Joy will also provide supervision for interns who are currently employed by Human Services and need hours of supervision provided by a licensed counselor so they may become Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT) as outlined in Exhibit B of the contract.

Behavioral Health refers clients to independent contractors for intake assessments, treatment plans and individual progress notes. The Behavioral Health Social Work Supervisor overseeing clinical staff determines whether a referral to an independent contractor is appropriate. All independent contractors 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. 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 clients to an independent contractor when the clients' GAF score is within parameters mutually agreed upon by MCBH and the independent contractor. Eligibility is 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 Medicare and/or Medi-Cal, services billable through Mariposa County Behavioral Health. 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 previous contract was approved by the Board on August 18, 2015 by Resolution 2015-410.

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 decline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

These contract service providers are cost-neutral for the services to clients because they generate offsetting revenue through the Medi-Cal and/or Medicare billing process. The supervision to interns costs are covered by Mental Health realignment. 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 PSA 2017 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Mary Hodson, CAO 9/28/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier