



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-487

MEETING: October 9, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Authorize Health and Human Services to Administer the DUI Program

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize Mariposa County Health and Human Services to Administer the Driving Under the Influence Program (DUI Program) under agreement with the State of California Department of Health and Care Services; and authorize the Health and Human Services Director to submit the application and implement the program.

A California court may order a driver to participate in an alcohol and drug problem assessment program after being convicted of a first offense Driving Under the Influence (DUI). A driver convicted of a DUI with one or more prior convictions in the last ten years must participate in said assessment. Programs exist on a county by county basis. There are three levels of programming currently run in Mariposa County by Kings View: First Offender Program, 18-Month Program and 30-Month Program.

Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency has been advised that Kings View will discontinue providing these services in our county as of October 25th 2018. This creates an issue for those individuals needing this programming to gain the education, treatment and support needed to become a responsible driver and regain full driving privileges through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Mariposa County currently has 35 individuals enrolled in their DUI program. After a violation has occurred, an individual must be enrolled in a DUI program to obtain a restricted driver's license in order to maintain driving privileges until the program requirements are satisfied.

There are multiple negative consequences to Mariposa County associated with not having a DUI Program in our community. These include: individuals not being able to hold jobs, therefore needing to rely on safety net programs; not being able to access treatment services; and not being able to participate meaningfully in work and life. This is exacerbated in a community such as Mariposa County where there is a heavy reliance on personal vehicle use vs. public transit.

Mariposa County Health and Human Services is requesting and recommending that we continue to provide these services to our county residents because to not have the DUI program available locally will create an access issue and may produce an increase in DUI's within the community and further legal entanglements for those individuals not driving with a valid driver's license. Maintaining this program will contribute to the health and safety of our community.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Mariposa County Department of Human Services provided the DUI program in Mariposa County

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from June 2004 through September 30, 2012. In FY2011-2012 we ran a deficit of about \$30,000 due to a decrease in the population needing these services. At that time the Department began to consider transitioning the program to Kings View, a private non-profit corporation, effective October 1, 2012.

The Board approved the transition to Kings View on September 4, 2012 by Resolution 2012-451.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If Mariposa County does not take on the administration of the DUI Program, it will leave a gap in services in our community which will have a negative impact on those who require this service and would need to travel to an outside county for the courses.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the County General Fund. The program costs will be offset by revenue from participant fees. The Department will submit a new fee schedule and budget for the DUI program after Board approval and State DHCS approval of our application.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey