



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-106

MEETING: February 26, 2019
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director
RE: Authorize the Submittal of County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Submittal of County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Health Systems Development Grant Program Grant Application for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of the grant from 05/01/19 - 6/30/22.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The CMSP was established in 1983, when California law transferred responsibility for providing health care services to indigent adults from the State to Counties. The law recognized that many small, rural counties were not in a position to assume this responsibility, so established CMSP Program to assist with the administration and funding of this service for counties with a population of less than 300,000. Mariposa County, as such, is a CMSP County.

The current Grant opportunity through CMSP seeks to support local health care systems to develop and implement strategies to reduce barriers between health care providers and systems and promote collaboration and systems linkages to low income community members.

The CMSP grant funding would support the Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in implementation of an Adult Systems of Care model. Mariposa's HHSA was created in the fall of 2018 as a consolidation of three existing county departments-Health, Human Services and Community Services. The consolidation allows us to envision and implement novel and creative solutions to improve access to care for our most vulnerable residents, and to develop integrated health services with awareness for and practice of a trauma informed approach.

In the new HHSA organization, leaders and team members will create a division that will bring together behavioral health and community health under a single director. This division will implement core concepts of Systems of Care. This will allow HHSA to build collaborative, task-specific, matrixed teams within a conventional hierarchical

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structure.

The teams created within the systems of care fall into either an Adult or Childrens' system. It will require the leadership and staff within HHSA to have a base level knowledge of systems of care theory and practice.

In addition to HHSA team members, key partners in Mariposa in implementation of an Adult System of Care (ASOC) would be John C. Fremont Healthcare District, the Alliance for Community Transformations, the County Probation Department, and the County Sheriff and Jail services.

CMSP grant funds will support implementation of the ASOC within Mariposa in a number of critical ways including, but not limited to:

- Development and delivery of ASOC training and education of HHSA staff, including coaching from consultants;
- Training in System of Care theory and practice for key HHSA partners;
- Training in trauma informed services, systems and care delivery;
- Development or revision of policies and procedures necessary for Systems of Care implementation, recruitment, training and supervision of peer-supported/client navigators, and patient and client outreach specialists.

Funds would support consulting and training costs as well as some staffing costs for Systems of Care Coordinators.

We anticipate by implementing an Adult System of Care that as a team we will more effectively provide services to our clients, reduce costs to the county, and reduce demand for urgent and emergency services.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

We can choose not to apply for funds and then use existing funds to implement a scaled back version of this project implementation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no match requirement for this grant and no financial to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

CMSP Grant App (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey