



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

HHS/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services · (209) 991-9100



## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-279**

MEETING: May 28, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and 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 \$82,000; 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 could not locate a suitable facility in California. The Child Welfare Services Unit and Mental Health programs have a need to continue placement in this type of facility.

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

The Board of Supervisors approved an agreement for Benchmark Behavioral Health System, Inc. on August 7, 2018 by Resolution 2018-385.

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

Health and 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 FY19/20 budget for the Behavioral Health budget unit 001-0402. There is no impact to the General Fund.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**Benchmark Behavioral Agreement 2020v2 (PDF)**

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

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

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

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