



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-433

MEETING: July 23, 2019
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director
RE: Second Amendment - Agreement with Berliner-Cohen Attorneys at Law

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Second Amendment to Agreement with Berliner-Cohen Attorneys at Law, increasing the amount by \$25,000 to an amount not to exceed \$95,000; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Amendment.

In past years, County Counsel's office provided much of these services. Due to workload and availability, it was determined that a direct contract with Berliner-Cohen would benefit Health and Human Services. Berliner-Cohen will provide legal services in juvenile dependency and public guardian/conservatorship cases. County Counsel will determine when it is necessary for Berliner-Cohen to act for the Health and Human Services Agency in Child Welfare cases and any other matter County Counsel deems appropriate. During this current agreement, the amount of required services proved to be greater than anticipated.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Mariposa County has an existing agreement with Berliner-Cohen, approved through Resolution No. 2018-458 on September 25, 2018.

Board of Supervisors approved a First Amendment to current agreement on May 28, 2019 through Resolution No. 2019-282.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this amendment is not approved, the workload for the County Counsel's office may be such that it creates process delays.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

**There is sufficient funding in the Social Services Budget to fund this Agreement.
There is no impact to the County General Fund.**

ATTACHMENTS:

1st Amendment to Berliner-Cohen Agreement 2019 Wsignatures (PDF)
Berliner Cohen - Kim Flores - Agmt. 2019 - Wsignatures (PDF)
2nd Amendment to Berliner Cohen Agreement 2019v3 July 17 2019 (PDF)

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RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey