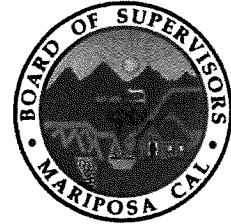


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## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-717

MEETING: December 17, 2019  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director  
RE: First Amendment - Agreement with Berliner-Cohen Attorneys at Law

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve First Amendment to Agreement with Berliner-Cohen Attorneys at Law, increasing the amount by \$35,000 to an amount not to exceed \$95,000, including additional cost allowances related to travel reimbursement; 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. 2019-396 on July 9, 2019.

### **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:**

**Berliner Cohen Agreement 2020 Wsignatures (PDF)**  
**First Amendment - Berliner Cohen Agreement 2020 Wsignature (PDF)**  
**First Amendment - Exhibit Bv2(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