

DEPARTMENT: Human Services/BHRS

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: It is respectfully requested that the Board of Supervisors: (1) approve a Mariposa County Behavioral Health contract with Mariposa County Unified School District (MCUSD) to provide counseling services through licensed MCUSD staff for mental health clients at the MCUSD who have Mariposa County Medi-Cal and (2) sign the contract. The contract is not to exceed \$80,000.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See Attached

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

See Attached

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes (X) No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Page 1-2 Board Memo
Source:		Pages 3-9 Contract
Internal Transfer		Page 10-13 Exhibit A
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

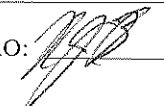
Res. No.: 11-3 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Th Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: 



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□ Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

JAMES A. RYDINGSWORD, DIRECTOR



January 4, 2011

TO: Members; Board of Supervisors,
Rick Benson, CAO
FROM: James Rydingsword 
RE: MCUSD provider contract

Recommendation

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Background/Current Situation

Clients will be referred to licensed MCUSD staff after a) an intake assessment has been completed by Behavioral Health Services staff and b) the Behavioral Health Social Work Supervisor overseeing clinical staff has made a determination that the referral to licensed MCUSD staff is appropriate. All licensed MCUSD staff will work under the guidelines established by the Mental Health Services Contract currently in effect between the Human Services Department and the State Department of Mental Health as outlined in Exhibit A of that contract.

In 2008 the Mariposa County Mental Health Board recommended that the Human Services Department consider contracting out to independent counselors those mental health clients who could benefit from a community counseling setting based on their Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) ratings. The GAF is a numeric scale (0 through 100) used by mental health clinicians and physicians to subjectively rate the social, occupational, and psychological functioning of adults, i.e.: how well or adaptively one is meeting various problems-in-living. Under these contracts, the staff of Mariposa County Behavioral Health (MCBH) can refer those clients in school grades 1 through 12 to licensed staff at MCUSD. The clients that are to be referred to the licensed MCUSD staff are clients that are in grades one through twelve (12) in the MCUSD and that have a GAF score that is mutually agreed upon by MCBH and the licensed MCUSD staff. This eligibility is to be decided on a case by case basis.

The purpose behind this recommendation from the Mental Health Board was to shift a less restrictive caseload from county staff to licensed MCUSD staff. Under this contract, a licensed MCUSD staff member is able to provide billable Medi-Cal services. This will free up staff resources within the Department which can then be directed to more complex cases and help to reduce waiting lists for services.

Financial

These contract service providers are cost-neutral to Mariposa County because they generate offsetting revenue through the Medi-Cal billing process. Licensed MCUSD staff are responsible

to provide for their own costs. Licensed MCUSD staff may also provide services to private clients for whom they will be responsible to set up a billing and payment system separate from the Medi-Cal population. The Department estimates that county staff will be able to increase revenue to the Department through increased billing, by billing at higher rates for more complex cases, and by increasing the frequency of visits by other clients; therefore, there is no anticipated current or future impact to the county general fund.