



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services/Social Services • (209) 966-2000



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-497

MEETING: September 23, 2014
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director
RE: Agreement with Benchmark Behavioral System to Provide Intensive Youth Treatment Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with Benchmark Behavioral System, Inc. to provide intensive youth treatment services for in an amount not to exceed \$105,000, 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 there were none in California. The Child Welfare Services Unit has an urgent need to place clients in this type of facility.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Benchmark Behavioral System, Inc. is a new provider for Mariposa County Human Services. This is the first contract.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this Agreement is not approved, Human Services will have greater difficulty in serving the needs of youth with severe treatment needs. The Child Welfare Unit may not be able to place such youth in a satisfactory facility.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this contract is incorporated in the FY14/15 budget for the Social Services budget unit 001-0501. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Benchmark Behavioral Health System contract 2015 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended

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Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Interim CAO 9/16/2014

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Merlin Jones, Janet Bibby, Kevin Cann, John Carrier
EXCUSED: Lee Stetson