



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-178

MEETING: April 19, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Authorize Adding One Full Time Mental Health Clinician Position

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the allocation of one full time Mental Health Clinician position in the Behavioral Health budget effective immediately. There are budgeted funds in the Behavioral Health 001-0402 budget unit to cover this request.

During departmental restructuring, the conclusion was determined that the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Unit of Human Services needed an additional Mental Health Clinician to meet the client services' demands. Additionally, with the recent addition of the new Triage Grant and programmatic changes to the way staff does crisis/triage work in the community, an additional Mental Health Clinician has become necessary. This position will assess, diagnosis, counsel and provide psychotherapeutic treatment, rehabilitation and care coordination for seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents, and seriously and persistently mentally ill adults. Further, this position will provide educational and consultation services to other community agencies and the public. This position will be allocated 100% in the Behavioral Health Budget.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors must review and approve any changes to the allocation schedule.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

By not adding this Mental Health Clinician position, staff may be unable to keep up with client demands.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient funds in the Behavioral Budget to accommodate this additional position due to several temporary vacancies. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, CAO 4/12/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier