DEPARTMENT: Human Services/BHRS  
BY: James Rydingsword  
PHONE: (209) 966-2000

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize Human Services to advertise for an individual or organization that would work under a Professional Services Agreement with Mariposa County Behavioral Health as a Mental Health Patients Rights Advocate.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Please see attached memo.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Please see attached memo

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CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 12  
Ord. No. 12  
Vote – Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0  
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

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: JIM RYDINGSWORD, Human Services Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Authorize Human Services to Advertise for an Individual or Organization that Would Work Under a Professional Services Agreement with Mariposa County Behavioral Health as a Mental Health Patients Right Advocate

RESOLUTION 09-92

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 3, 2009

ACTION AND VOTE:

Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director;
Authorize Human Services to Advertise for an Individual or Organization that Would Work Under a Professional Services Agreement with Mariposa County Behavioral Health as a Mental Health Patients Right Advocate
BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Jim Rydingsword relative to the request and coverage in the interim.
   Input from the public was provided by the following:
   Ruth Catalan thanked the Board and Human Services Director for taking quick action on this; and she advised that she is willing to help in the interim on a volunteer basis if the Human Services Director feels that she is qualified to do so. Jim Rydingsword accepted and thanked her for her offer.
   (M)Turpin, (S)Bibby, Res. 09-92 was adopted approving the request to advertise for this service/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Chris Ebie, Auditor
    File
March 3, 2009

TO:   Members, Board of Supervisors  
      Rick Benson, CAO  
FROM: James A. Rydingsword  
RE:    Request to advertise for a Patients Rights Advocate and to create a Professional Services Agreement with them.

Recommendation

It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize Human Services to advertise for an individual or organization that would work under a Professional Services Agreement with Mariposa County Behavioral Health as a Mental Health Patients Rights Advocate.

Background/Current Information

The Patients Rights Advocate position represents our mental health clients who feel their rights have been compromised. In the past this position has been filled by volunteers. Since November 10th when Mrs. Conlan sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors indicating she was no longer able to fulfill the job of a Patients Rights Advocate we have been without one. In an attempt to fill this function we have had a volunteer from the Mental Health Board who filled the position temporarily. The Department has also worked other community members who we felt might have an interest in this position but with no success up to this point.

At this time the department would like to recruit a community member or organization that has the skills and capacity to complete this work for the County. We anticipate a four week advertising period and a review that will permit us to secure a Professional Services Agreement by May 1, 2009.

Financial: We estimate the costs for this Professional Services Agreement will be for a maximum of $5000 annually based on an hourly rate of $25 per hour.

This activity is funded from the Mental Health Budget and is already budgeted. There is no impact on county general funds.