DEPARTMENT: Human Services/BHRS

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully requested that your Board: (1) approve continuing a Behavioral Health contract with John Muir Behavioral Health Center; and (2) authorize your Chairman to sign the agreement.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please see attachment.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Please see attachment.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $5,000  Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted in Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $5,000
Additional Funding Needed: $0
Source: Internal Transfer
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.  Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: ______  Noes: ______
Absent: ______
Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

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

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: ______
July 21, 2009

TO: Members; Board of Supervisors
    Rick Benson, CAO
FROM: Jim Rydingsword
RE: Mental Health Contract for John Muir Behavioral Health Center

Recommendation

It is respectfully requested that your Board: (1) approve continuing a Behavioral Health contract with John Muir Behavioral Health Center, an acute psychiatric inpatient facility; and (2) authorize your Chairman to sign the contract.

Background/Current Situation

This County does not operate acute psychiatric inpatient facilities. At times, we have to place severely disturbed children in short term emergency acute care. The length of stay is typically for seventy-two (72) hours and can be up to fourteen (14) days, for evaluation and stabilization, to determine the extent of care and until they are no longer a danger to self or others.

This type of facility is in short supply for this age group of children (0-17). At one time, a child had to be transported, by ambulance, to a facility in Southern California. John Muir Behavioral is closer, reducing the distance for the client and their families as they are often involved in the discharge process. It is the only facility in the Central California region that allocates thirty four (34) beds to child and adolescent services. (See attachment ‘A” for rates.)

Financial

This contract will be paid within the Mental Health budget unit 0402.

There is no impact to general fund dollars.