DEPARTMENT: Human Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
It is respectfully requested that your Board: 1) approve the two year contract with Mountain Crisis Services for Project Respect 2) approve the Department to begin implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention component, and 3) allocate 1 full-time Mental Health Assistant III position to the Behavioral Health Budget which will be used half-time at Behavioral Health to organize and coordinate the program and half-time at the two chosen school sites to implement the Project SMILE Program and allocate one full time Mental Health Assistant I position. Both allocations to be effective August 1, 2009 and charged to the Department’s MHSA budget unit Fund 410.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Please see attached

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Please see attached

Financial Impact? (✓) Yes ( ) No
Budgeted in Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $450,000
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.
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: __________________________
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CAO: __________________________

Revised Dec. 2002
July 28, 2009

TO: Members; Board of Supervisors  
   Rick Benson, CAO
FROM: Jim Rydingsword
RE: Prevention and Early Intervention Implementation.

Recommendation

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Background/Current Situation

Your Board recently approved Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to apply for the Prevention and Early Intervention portion of the MHSA grant. This latest component of the MHSA grant is a collaborative effort between Mariposa County Human Services Behavioral Health division and the Mariposa County Unified School District. This portion of the MHSA grant proposes that we, Mariposa County Human Services work with the school district, to create a Prevention and Early Intervention Program. It will consist of two (2) components. The first component is called the SMILE Program. The acronym stands for, Step, Mentoring, Individual Leadership and Enrichment. It is designed to allow Mariposa County Human Services to identify grade school students (protégés) who are beginning to show early signs of mental health issues. The initial program will target two (2) schools, Mariposa Elementary School and Lake Don Pedro in North County. We plan to identify three (3) students from each chosen school through the school’s student study team. This component will be staffed by a SMILE coordinator, Mental Health Assistant III, (this person will work from of the Children’s System of Care unit) and will be responsible for assisting in program development, overseeing the Mental Health Assistant I who will recruit and train high school mentors and adult mentors to assist in working with these children.

The second component of the Prevention and Early Intervention Program will involve Mariposa County Behavioral Health contracting with Mountain Crisis Services who will continue to work with the two (2) chosen schools to implement the Project Respect Program. This project has been happening in the schools but this renewed effort is designed to train all teachers, parents and students in learning and practicing positive socialization skills through the Project Respect curricula. This contract is for two fiscal years, July 01, 2009 through June 30, 2011.
Financial

The funds set aside for the Mariposa County Prevention and Early Intervention Program are in the amount of:

1. FY 07-08 $100,000
2. FY 08-09 $125,000
3. FY 09-10: $225,000

Total requested and received so far is $225,000 for 08-09. In addition to current year funding we have also received a planning estimate of $225,000 for FY 09-10. The total estimated funds available for the three year period through the Mental Health Services Act Prevention and early Intervention programs total $450,000 and preliminary plans are to distribute these funds as follows:

1. The SMILE Program: $339,640
2. Project Respect: $110,360

The preliminary budget for these projects will be adjusted during the final budget process to fund the necessary positions and associated expenditure lines. We plan to review and adjust these budget activities on an annual basis during the period of the projects. There is no impact to County General Fund dollars. There is no local match requirement.