MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DEPARTMENT: Human Services/BHRS
BY: James Rydingsword
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AGENDA
ACTION FORM
DATE: June 17, 2008
AGENDA ITEM NO. C-4

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See attached.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

See attached.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $

Budgeted in Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: $

Additional Funding Needed: $

Source:

Internal Transfer

Unanticipated Revenue ( ) 4/5’s vote

Transfer Between Funds ( ) 4/5’s vote

Contingency ( ) 4/5’s vote

( ) General ( ) Other

List attachments, numbered pages consecutively.

Clerk’s Use Only:

Res. No.: 2-252 Ord. No. ______
Vote – Yyes: 5 Noes: ______

Absent: ______ ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

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: ___________
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TO:        Board of Supervisors
FROM:      Jim Rydingsword
            Rick Benson, CAO
RE:        Memorandum of Understanding with the Mariposa County Office of Education

Recommendation

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Background and Current Information

Children with severe emotional illness need to be referred to the department for assessment, case planning and treatment. On rare occasions, they even need in-patient treatment. These are costly services due to the level of counselor needed to address the magnitude of the problem. Those dollars available under AB 3632 were simply not near enough to meet state needs.

The State attempted to solve the fiscal problem by forwarding federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) money to the schools to pay for the share of cost that MediCal does not cover. This process worked very well last year and our staff worked with the School’s personnel towards serving children and accounting for the money.

IDEA funds combine with AB 3632 dollars to provide services to those children who are severely disturbed. Once students are identified as Emotionally Disturbed (ED), Behavioral Health is invited (by parents) to participate in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meeting with the special education department to establish what the mental health treatment plan will be. This IEP will include all mental health related services that the department is committed to provide.

Fiscal

The Schools will forward 50% of the IDEA funds by January 1, 2009; 75% of the funds by March 1, 2009. The remaining 25% will be forwarded, if needed, based on the number of cases and costs. These funds will be deposited into the IEP Fund 354 and will be transferred to the appropriate operating budget in Behavioral Health Division as the funds are needed.