RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-58

MEETING: February 11, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Lawless, Interim Human Services Director

RE: Rural Health Telecom Contract

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Three Year Agreement with Rural Health Telecom for the Provision of Discounted T1 Computer Connection for the Coulterville Office, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

This 3mps T1 connection will allow the Department to use computer technology at a much greater capacity than what is in place today. Currently the Department uses HughesNet to access the internet at a cost of $114.00 per month. This connection does not have the band width to allow staff to use the Anasazi or C-IV computer systems via the Internet at a functional level.

The Department had a T1 connection several years ago that was very costly and seldom used because the systems were still server based applications. With the introduction of Internet based systems it is anticipated that staff and clients in the Coulterville area will be able to access services without added transportation costs and at a greater convenience.

The grant funds will pay for all installation costs and provide a subsidy to Rural Health Telecom such that the Departments monthly costs for three years will be $835.00. This is down from the $2,000 plus monthly costs the Department faced just a few years ago. Although this is an increase of $721.00 per month, it is anticipated that we will see an increase in staff productivity and convenience to our north county clients.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Connectivity in Coulterville office will remain with HughesNet. Use of the mental health Anasazi computer system and C-IV eligibility system will not be possible thus keeping services in the Coulterville area at a minimal level.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This item was anticipated and budgeted for in the Human Services Administration budget 001-0507.

ATTACHMENTS:
Mariposa Copay 12.31.13 (PDF)
Mariposa DIA Contract 12.31.13 (PDF)
Mariposa NSA 1.27.14 (PDF)
Mariposa P2P Contract 12.31.13 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier