RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-66

MEETING: February 18, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Lawless, Interim Human Services Director

RE: MOU with Mariposa County Unified School District for Project SMILE

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mariposa County Unified School District (MCUSD) to Coordinate the Activities of the Project SMILE Mentoring Program, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the MOU.

Project SMILE is a Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) program provided by Mariposa County Behavioral Health. Project SMILE utilizes MCUSD classroom space and involves high school mentors in assisting 4th and 5th grade protégés in overcoming behavioral issues. This MOU outlines the MCUSD and County Behavioral Health participation in facilitating the activities. There is no cost to the County related to this MOU. Project SMILE is funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) dollars.

Project SMILE has been linking mentors and protégés for five years.

The signing of this MOU was delayed at the MCUSD Superintendent’s office. The contract was lost and replaced on December 18, 2013. The MCUSD Superintendent did not sign the contract until January 29, 2014.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved the Project SMILE program as part of the Mariposa County Prevention and Early Intervention Plan on January 20, 2009 by Resolution 2009-24.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this MOU is not approved, it will be very difficult to effectively and economically reach mentors and protégés in a setting other than the school.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Mariposa County Unified School District Project SMILE MOU 2014 V2 (PDF)
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

[Signature]
Rick Benson, County Administrator/Office

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