DEPARTMENT: Human Services/SS

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please See Attached Memo.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Please See Attached Memo.

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

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
Revised Dec. 2002

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: ____________________________
Requested Action Recommended
( ) No Opinion
Comments:

Attachments: Memo dated 2-15-05
Budget Action Form
Attachment C-1

CAO: __________
February 15, 2005

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
Rich Inman, CAO
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Behavioral Health / Mental Health Program / Authorization to Apply for $78,905
Set Aside for Mariposa for Planning New Programs Under Proposition 63

Recommendation

It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize: (1) this Department to forward a grant application to the State Department of Mental Health necessary for the release of $78,905 in planning money set aside for this County; (2) accept the $78,905 of state revenue set aside for this County; (3) upon release of the money, increase the staffing pattern in Mental Health to include a half time Office Technician; (4) allow the Department to enter into discussions with a contractor to draft the more technical language necessary for the release of program monies; and (5) approve expenditures necessary to meet the conditions of the planning process.

Background

Proposition 63, the tax on millionaires to support mental health programs, was passed by 53.4% of the voters in November, 2004. The proposition passed in spite of the fact that there were no specific allocations for the counties. Once passed, the special interest groups became very active in trying to divert funds from mental health into other agencies and organizations. Additionally, special interests within mental health (i.e. child advocates and adult advocacy groups) began to lobby as to how the money should be spent. The state, under siege from labor and advocacy groups, has insisted on an all too complex process. The revenue estimates statewide are as follows:

$254 Million in FY 04/05
$683 Million in FY 05/06
$690 Million in FY 06/07

One of the greatest challenges for this County was, and is, to ensure that there are minimum based allocations for the small counties. Your Board was asked for assistance and your efforts were successful initially. The State Department of Mental Health has made early money available for planning with minimum based allocations. There is a minimum based allocation of $75,000 for each county, with an additional amount based on population. In the case of Mariposa, we have an additional $3,905 based on our county’s “proportion of prevalence of mental illness in households under 200% of poverty.” While $78,905 is not enough to comply with all the requirements involved in the release of program money, it is nevertheless a move towards some type of minimum based funding.
Current Situation

To actually claim the $78,905 money, this Department must submit a planning grant on March 15, 2005. The planning grant gives us money to plan programs and prepare difficult program grants that the state is mandating be done. Counties are required to have stakeholder meetings locally, review and analyze statistics, build programs and then justify those programs to the state in a grant with five major components (or five separate grants) before they will release money they will set aside for us. One difficulty is that we do not know if minimum based allocations will prevail on the program side and, if they do, in what amounts. RCRC has asked for minimum program grants of $3 million for the smallest counties. That is a reasonable amount for systems of care. It would not be enough for all areas.

Future statewide program grants are available in five (5) areas:

1. Capital facilities and technical services
2. Community Services and Support (prior to last week, called “Systems of Care”).
   - Children’s System of Care
   - Adult Systems of Care
   - Elder Systems of Care
   - Other systems as yet unspecified by the State
3. Education and Training (Universities/Medical Schools, not for county staff development).
4. Prevention and Early Intervention
5. Innovation

Future county program grants available in five (5) program areas:

The state is indicating that each county must plan for 5 areas and submit not only grants but three year expenditure plans. The five areas we must focus on are:

1. Capital facilities and technical services
2. Children's System of Care*
3. Adult Systems of Care (Adult and Older System of Care)*
4. Prevention and Early Intervention
5. Innovation
   *Now called community services and support.

Local departments, many HS employees, your two advisory boards (Alcohol and Drug and Mental Health) and several department heads are already discussing needs. We will meet together and have a large planning session with people working on one of the five areas that they are especially interested in, or have expertise in. Consumer groups and their families must be represented. Groups will be asked to prioritize needs within their interest area so that the Department can plan at a minimal or optimal level based on allocations that will be known at a later time.

Financial

There is $78,905 available to this County if we apply for the money by March 15, 2005. That money is necessary to secure larger amounts of money in the specific program areas listed above. Program allocations have not been established. This program, if approved and funded will be budgeted in the Community Mental Health budget unit 001-
0402. Attached is a budget action form necessary should you wish to accept the planning money allocated for this County. There are no matching funds required and no impact on the general fund.

Your Board's active assistance is needed. Please continue to lobby for large, minimum based allocations for the small counties for each of the five program areas noted above. We also need a simplified grant process because $78,905 will not cover the costs associated with the very complex planning process and the grant applications that the state generally demands.

New money may help the County in the future. The revenue can assist your departments to meet unmet mental health needs. And there are secondary benefits. For example, if this County were to redesign the Children's System of Care, which was closed when state funding stopped, it could help offset escalating placement costs in Probation and Social Services, Child Welfare.
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, Human Services Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
NECESSARY FOR THE RELEASE OF $78,905 IN PLANNING NEW PROGRAMS
UNDER PROPOSITION 63

Resolution No. 05-52

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 15, 2005

ACTION AND VOTE:

Cheryl Rutherford-Kelly, Human Services Director;
Authorize the Human Services Department to Forward a Grant Application to the State Department of Mental Health Necessary for the Release of $78,905 in Planning New Programs Under Proposition 63 Monies Set Aside for the County; Approve Budget Action Increasing Revenue through the Mental Health Services Account and Corresponding Appropriations ($78,905); and Decrease Realignment ($25,526) for a Net Increase of $53,379 (4/5ths Vote Required); Upon Release of the Money, Approve Allocation of a Half-Time Office Technician Position, Effective Immediately; Allow the Department to Enter into Discussions with a Contractor to Draft the More Technical Language Necessary for the Release of Program Monies; and Approve Expenditures Necessary to Meet the Conditions of the Planning Process

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Cheryl Rutherford-Kelly relative to this matter. Chairman Pickard advised of discussions at the CMSP and RCRC meetings relative to issues concerning implementation of Proposition 63. Further discussion was held relative to the use of the grant funds and request to use a portion of the Realignment Funds. Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer, clarified that this is a claiming process and that the grant monies would be expended before any realignment is used. Chairman Pickard asked that the Realignment Fund not be included in the budget request. (M)Fritz, (S)Bibby, Res. 05-52 was adopted approving the grant application, with direction for a budget action to be brought back without the Realignment Fund/Ayes: Unanimous. Chairman Pickard called for public input on this item and none was received.

cc: Mary Hodson, Deputy County Administrative Officer
    Ken Hawkins, Auditor
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