RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-238

MEETING: May 27, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Kings View Corp. Agreement with Behavioral Health to Provide Telepsychiatry Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Kings View Corporation to provide telepsychiatry services for Mariposa County Behavioral Health in an amount not to exceed $282,000 and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

Telepsychiatric Services are necessary to allow the County to address cultural, socioeconomic and geographic barriers to behavioral health services in the underserved area of Mariposa County. Telepsychiatrists often prescribe the psychiatric medications needed by clients. This contract will allow Behavioral Health to expand the range of resources and services available within the County in an efficient and cost effective manner.

This agreement will cost two hundred sixty dollars ($260.00) per hour for a maximum of 90 hours per month. In addition, the monthly equipment maintenance fee will be one hundred dollars ($100.00). This fee is to continue the maintenance agreement on the previously leased equipment, now owned by Mariposa County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The previous contract for telepsychiatry was approved by the Board on September 24, 2013 by Resolution 2013-407.

Mental Health Board Review:
On recurring contract renewals, the Mental Health Advisory Board has set direction that such contracts will be available for review by the Mental Health Advisory Board members and do not require individual approval unless there are changes in the provisions of the contract. This contract meets these criteria and is submitted to the Board of supervisors for a positive action.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The reliable services of this provider would not be available to meet client telepsychiatry needs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The not to exceed amount of the contract is $282,000. The cost of this agreement is spread over four budget units (Mental Health 001-0402, Alcohol & Drug 001-0403, WRAP Services 422, and Mental Health Services Act 410) based
on number of staff assigned to each unit and is incorporated in the FY14-15 budget. There is no impact on the General Fund.

This agreement will not affect the Mental Health Services Act corrective action plan.

ATTACHMENTS:
Kings View Telepsychiatry 2015 contract (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrator

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