RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-280

MEETING: June 17, 2014
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director
RE: C & D’s Residential Guest Home, LLC Agreement to Provide Residential Services for BH

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with C & D’s Residential Guest Home, LLC to provide residential inpatient services for Mariposa County Behavioral Health in an amount not to exceed $28,000 and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The County does not operate inpatient residential facilities. This Agreement will allow Mariposa County Behavioral Health to utilize the services of C & D’s Residential Guest Home, LLC at their Merced residential site in order to serve persons undergoing psychiatric emergencies. One bed in this six-bed facility will be reserved for clients of Mariposa County Behavioral Health. In addition, C & D’s Residential will provide transportation to the facility during the time of crisis.

Behavioral Health wishes to engage the services of this provider because of the benefits of the nearby location and the emergency transportation included in their service at no extra charge. This should reduce the costs paid for ambulance transportation to other facilities. The clients who will be served through this contract are those who show up at the Emergency Room, do not meet the criteria for a State psychiatric bed, and who need residential care before returning to the community.

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 review unless there are changes in the provisions of the contract prior to coming to the Board of Supervisors. This contract meets that criteria and is submitted to the Board of supervisors for a positive action.

Funding Source:
This item is funded through Program Realignment funds. The rates for this contract are well below rates for a State psychiatric emergency hospital bed, and we project cost savings for such placements and the staff time needed to deal with psychiatric emergencies.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved the existing Agreement with C and D’s Guest Homes, Inc. On June 25, 2013 by Resolution 2013-267. A First Amendment was approved on April 17, 2014 by
Resolution 2014-170. A Second Amendment is pending Board approval.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this contract is not approved, Behavioral Health will be hindered in providing emergency care to persons undergoing psychiatric emergencies. When a crisis arises, costs for serving these persons may be driven up by not having a contract in place.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract will be paid with the Mental Health budget units. There will be no impact to the MHSA Corrective Action Plan or the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
C and D's Guest Homes Agreement 2015  (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO  6/10/2014

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY-consent vote [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:  Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES:  Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier