RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-304

MEETING: June 24, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Milhous Children's Services Agreement with Behavioral Health to Provide Intensive Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with Milhous Children's Services to provide intensive youth treatment services for Mariposa County Behavioral Health in an amount not to exceed $53,280 and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The County does not operate inpatient residential facilities. At times severely disturbed children must be placed in residential treatment until such time that they are ready to live in a group home, foster home, or return home with their parents. The length of stay can be as long as ten months.

The Department has used this facility periodically for many years and is satisfied with the services rendered. This contract renewal is necessary for placement of youth in the facility at a negotiated rate. Behavioral Health Staff recommend we continue using this facility for future placements.

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.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The current contract was approved by your Board on June 25, 2013 by Resolution Number 2013-268.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, Behavioral Health will be hindered in providing emergency care to children and youth undergoing psychiatric emergencies. When a crisis arises, costs for serving these youth may be increased by not having a contract in place.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Milhous Children’s Services contract 2015  (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

[Signature]
Rick Benson, County Administrator

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:  John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES:  Lee Stetson, Janet Bibby, Kevin Cann, John Carrier
EXCUSED:  Merlin Jones