RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Doctors Medical Center to provide inpatient psychiatric services for Mariposa County Behavioral Health in an amount not to exceed $20,000, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The County does not operate psychiatric inpatient residential facilities and therefore contracts for such placements. Multiple contracts are necessary to meet the potential need for mental health emergency services because beds are in short supply throughout California. If the County limits the number of contracts, there would likely come a time that someone were in danger to themselves or others, and no bed space would be available.

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 existing contract was reviewed and approved by your Board on July 9, 2013 by Resolution No. 2013-282. Previous contracts were approved by Res. 2012-403, August 7, 2012; Res. 11-152, April 9, 2011; Res. 10-443 September 21, 2010; and by Res. 09-333 July 14, 2009.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this contract is not approved, Behavioral Health crisis response workers may have greater difficulty in placing clients who require emergency psychiatric hospitalization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract will continue to be paid within the Behavioral Health budget unit and does not affect the Mental Health Services Act corrective action plan. The cost will not exceed the daily rate of $1,312 per client per day as stated in Exhibit A of the contract. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Doctors Medical Center Agreement 2015  (PDF)
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrative Office

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