RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-564

MEETING: December 17, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Lawless, Interim Human Services Director

RE: Approve Submission of the "Mental Health Services Act Triage Personnel"

Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Submission of the "Mental Health Services Act Triage Personnel" (SB 82) Grant Application in the Amount Not to Exceed $600,000 ($200,000 Per Year for 3 Years) to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Mariposa County is currently seeking funding to expand and enhance our ability to detect and intervene early and immediately to mental health crisis amongst the citizens in our community.

Although Mariposa County Human Services is able to provide crisis response 24/7 to individuals who are acutely suicidal, a lack of funding has led to limited mental health response services in situations that do not rise to this level of need. Unfortunately, at times the result can mean either the person in crisis escalates until they reach this level, often necessitating a higher level of intervention or a person who goes without help.

One area that has been identified through multiple planning processes (as identified in the Mental Health and Justice Grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance) is within the context of law enforcement interactions. Whether out in the field when deputies respond to the scene of an incident or at the County Jail, a mental health crisis can take much time and skill to diffuse. If caught early in the process, a trained crisis or triage worker can help to de-escalate the situation and immediately link the community member to appropriate services. The saving of time and dollars on the part of multiple systems (law enforcement, health care, mental health, etc.) when a crises can be intervened in early is significant.

Under SB 82, the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, legislators recognize that increasing access to crisis stabilization services provides an opportunity to reduce costs associated with inpatient stays and emergency rooms, and better meet the needs of individuals with mental health conditions.

In order to achieve this, Mariposa County Human Services will hire Crisis Triage personnel to respond 24/7 to mental health crises (that don't clearly meet the criteria to be assessed for a 5150 hold) as identified by law enforcement entities (Sheriff's
Department, County Jail, Probation

Our primary partners in the Project include: the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Department, the Mariposa County Jail, and the Mariposa County Probation Department.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the grant is not submitted or awarded the department will continue to function as it does today with crisis workers only responding when law enforcement identify the possible need for a 5150 hold.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
If approved, this grant will bring approximately $600,000 over three years in State revenue into Mariposa County. No match is required for this grant. Budget action will accompany the request for grant acceptance. There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
RFA_Triage (1) (PDF)
Mariposa Triage Narrative 12-8-13 (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrative Office

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Lee Stetson, Janet Bibby, Kevin Cann, John Carrier
EXCUSED: Merlin Jones
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTE ORDER

TO: JOHN LAWLESS, Interim Human Services Director
FROM: RENE’ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Approve Submission of the “Mental Health Services Act Triage Personnel” (SB 82) Grant Application in the Amount Not to Exceed $600,000 ($200,000 Per Year for 3 Years) to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 17, 2013

ACTION AND VOTE:

Supervisor Bibby required clarification regarding the completeness of the grant application in CA12, and inquired as to the number of clients served last year. John Lawless/Interim Human Services Director responded, noting that they normally serve about 350 clients per month in Mental Health. Supervisor Bibby requested that, when available, statistics be provided to the Board so that they can see case growth, reimbursement, etc.

CA12. Human Services/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services RES-2013-564

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Cc: Bill Davis, Auditor
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