RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-565

MEETING: December 17, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Lawless, Interim Human Services Director

RE: SWERT Contract for MHSA Innovation Support

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with the California State University (CSU) Fresno Foundation through its Social Welfare Evaluation Research and Training Center (SWERT) to assist with the development of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Program in an amount not to exceed $36,988, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The Department wishes to renew our contract with CSU Fresno Foundation through SWERT to assist with the development of the Mariposa County MHSA Innovation Program and to create an evaluation design that will be used to measure program outcomes.

SWERT will assist with the development of the MHSA Innovation Program and create an evaluation design that will be used to measure Project outcomes. It is anticipated that the evaluation will be designed to address individual, systemic and group dynamics. Mariposa County will require that SWERT include the stakeholders in this process. The county selected this specific Innovation project after reviewing input from the community via a series of stakeholder meetings. Further, the Innovation Plan will include continued outreach to the community to introduce how this Innovation project will hopefully address some of the concerns expressed in the stakeholder meetings. The evaluation process itself will include surveys with Team Decision Making meeting participants immediately following the meetings. In addition, it is anticipated that once implementation takes place, quarterly focus groups will be held with various agency, consumer and community members to review the Project and the use of Team Decision Making meetings. Data will be collected to track the decisions made during the Team Decision Making meetings and to determine whether these decisions resulted in the desired outcomes. It is further anticipated that the local Mental Health Board will be updated periodically throughout the lifetime of the Innovation Project.

Mental Health Board Review: This item was reviewed by the Mental Health Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2012 and is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors with a positive recommendation.

Funding Source: This item is funded through the approved Mental Health Services Act Innovation Plan. The total funding received for this program through FY12-13 is $371,089. The Innovation Program receives 5% of ongoing MHSA funds. These funds are received on a monthly basis based on statewide income tax receipts. The additional Innovation funding for FY13-14 will be approximately $62,228.
BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The previous contract was approved by Resolution 2012-617 on December 18, 2013. The MHSA Innovation Program was previously approved by your Board by Resolution 10-281 on June 1, 2010. The Program was approved and funded by the State Department of Mental Health on August 24, 2010.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this contract is not approved, plans to implement the MHSA Innovation program will be hindered. The program will lack an effective evaluation design based on current best practices.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no impact on County General Fund dollars.
11/27/12  410-0524-668-0418  Professional Services  $32,000.00
11/27/12  410-0524-668-1090  Contingency  ($32,000.00)
Total: $0.00

ATTACHMENTS:
SWERT_BH_TDM contract 2014 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

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