RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-580

MEETING: November 12, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Wellness Center Extension of Hours

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Alliance for Community Transformations to Provide Extended Weekend Hours for the Wellness/Drop in Center, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement. For the past several years, there has been a growing concern with a lack of hours at the ROAD House over the weekends to take care of individuals who require services when the ROAD House is not operational.

Mariposa County Human Services is recommending the County contract with a community based organization that has the capacity to operate this service during the weekend hours, when it is more difficult for the County to do so due to staffing levels.

This service would enable individuals to stay warm, have a meal and connect with community resources. Additionally, transportation will be provided to ensure that individuals in town and at Open Arms are able to readily access the extended hours of the ROAD House Program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
This has been an ongoing concern of the community to have this service for extended days and hours.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the Agreement. Our most vulnerable community members may not have a place to seek services during the cold winter weekends and may have adverse health effects, resulting in higher costs associated with medical care and Emergency Room visits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This program will be funded with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) dollars and there will be no impact to the County General Fund or the Corrective Action Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:
Alliance for Community Transformations 2015 ROAD House Winter Hours contract (PDF)
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Interim CAO 11/5/2014

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