RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-654

MEETING: December 16, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Aurora Behavioral Health Care Inpatient Psychiatric Agreement with Behavioral Health

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Aurora Behavioral Health Care to provide inpatient psychiatric services for Mariposa County Behavioral Health in an amount not to exceed $40,000, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The County does not operate psychiatric inpatient hospital 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.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
This is a new contract with Aurora Behavioral Health Care.

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 $1,340 per client per day as stated in Exhibit A of the contract. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Aurora Behavioral contract 2015 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier