RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-154

MEETING: April 7, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with Mariposa Safe Families to Provide Child Abuse Prevention Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with Mariposa Safe Families to provide an array of services with the goal of preventing and decreasing child abuse in an amount not to exceed $333,611 over four years, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

Mariposa Safe Families will operate interrelated programs to provide: 1) Community awareness building, training and collaboration with other private/public organizations; 2) Linkage and coordination services between the Family Enrichment Center and community-based resources and programs and the “Mountain Valley 2-1-1 project;” and 3) Reporting, data collection, and evaluations of program outcomes.

Mariposa Safe Families (MSF) will promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for intervention and treatment.

Strategies:
1. Disseminate information about child abuse and neglect, its prevention and the resources available via media, technology and print materials.
2. Encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect through participation in community activities.

MSF will provide support to enhance collaborative efforts to prevent and intervene effectively in areas related to child abuse and neglect.

Strategies:
1. Continue the multi-disciplinary make-up of the Child Abuse Prevention Council Board of Directors.
2. Encourage and facilitate training of professionals in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
3. Recommend improvements in services to families and victims.
4. Participate in collaborative efforts that enhance effective, efficient service delivery systems.

MSF will continue the operation of the Family Enrichment Center in Mariposa to support children and families by providing:
1. Referrals to community resources.
2. Continued participation in Child Welfare System Improvement planning and implementation efforts.

Reporting:
Contractor shall provide reports on services provided and evaluations of program outcomes that assess program effectiveness. Reports shall quantify whether the goal of detecting and preventing child abuse and neglect has been achieved and whether the number of substantiated cases has declined as a result of the Child Protection Unit (CPU) program. The Contractor will be provided with data collection and analysis templates to assist in this process.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved an existing contract with Mariposa Safe Families on October 21, 2014 by Resolution 2014-544. Mariposa County Human Services has notified Mariposa Safe Families of the termination of that contract. The previous contract will be superseded by the present contract under consideration, which includes an expansion in the scope of work and activities to be performed.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The funds used for this Agreement must be used for Child Abuse Prevention. If this Agreement is not approved, Mariposa County Human Services may have difficulty in finding an alternative to provide effective Child Abuse Prevention activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract is paid with Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Program (CAPIT) and Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
MSF Child Abuse, Community Linkage and Reporting Contract 2015 (PDF)
MSF Child Abuse, Community Linkage and Reporting Exhibit A 2015(DOC)
MSF Child Abuse, Community Linkage and Reporting Exhibit B 2015(DOCX)
Notice of Termination of MSF Contract dated 10-21-14 (PDF)
Mariposa Safe Families - Child Abuse Prevention 2015-2018 contract(PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson, CAO 4/2/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier