RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-553

MEETING: November 24, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Merced County Mental Health Agreement to Provide Inpatient Services to Mariposa Co Behavioral Health

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with the County of Merced to provide Inpatient Psychiatric Services to Mariposa County Behavioral Health in an amount not to exceed $50,000, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

Mariposa County does not operate inpatient psychiatric health facilities and therefore contracts for such placements. Multiple contracts are necessary as beds are in short supply throughout California. We have successfully contracted with this facility since 2004.

Under this contract, Mariposa County Behavioral Health will reimburse Merced County the daily Psychiatric Health Facility rate of $1,232.80 per acute day, in an annual amount not to exceed $50,000. Additional physician's fees may apply as described in paragraph 6 of the Agreement.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The previous contract was approved by your Board on September 3, 2013 by Resolution No. 2013-373.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this contract is not approved, Behavioral Health crisis response workers will have greater difficulty in placing clients who require emergency psychiatric hospitalization. This may negatively impact County residents and other clients who may require emergency psychiatric services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract has no impact on the General Fund. This contract will continue to be paid by realignment revenue within the Behavioral Health budget unit 001-0402 and does not affect the Mental Health Services Act corrective action plan.

ATTACHMENTS:
Merced County Behavioral Health Contract 2016 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, John Carrier
EXCUSED: Kevin Cann