RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-237

MEETING: May 17, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: First Amendment with Good Samaritan Hospital to Accommodate Name Change

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a First Amendment with Good Samaritan Hospital for Inpatient Mental Health Rehabilitation Services by Changing the Name to Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Amendment. The Good Samaritan Hospital has changed their name to Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital and it is appropriate to Amend the original Agreement to formally recognize this name change in order to correctly process and pay for the contracted services.

The County does not operate inpatient mental health rehabilitation 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:
The existing contract was approved by the Board on October 1, 2015 by Resolution 2015-593.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this First Amendment 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. The cost will not exceed the daily inpatient fee of $916 as stated in Exhibit A of the contract. There is no monetary change to this contract and there is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital 1st Amendment name change 2016 (PDF)
Good Samaritan Hosp.-Bakersfield BH Hosp 2016 with Exibit A (PDF)

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