RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-108

MEETING: February 28, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Approve Submission of Whole Person Care Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Mariposa County’s Participation in a Small County Collaborative for Submission of a Whole Person Care Pilot Grant to the California Department of Healthcare Services.

Whole Person Care Pilot Project Summary:

Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is working in collaboration with two other small counties, including Plumas County and San Benito County, through a Small County Collaborative for the purpose of applying for Whole Person Care (WPC) grant. California’s Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver-named Medi-Cal 2020 - includes a unique pilot project opportunity called Whole Person Care (WPC) to help address the social determinants of health for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The overarching goal of the WPC Pilots is the coordination of health, behavioral health and social services to improve the health and well-being of our target population.

The WPC Pilot Projects will allow our counties to collaborate across county systems and with our Medi-Cal managed care plans, local health providers, local social services providers and local housing providers to address the needs of individuals who are "high-utilizers" of behavioral health and health care emergency services and hospitalization. By expanding resources to provide comprehensive services to this population, it is anticipated that over time there will be an overall reduction in costs associated with psychiatric inpatient admissions, behavioral health crisis calls/assessments for 5150’s, arrests and incarcerations of those with a mental illness and Emergency Department utilization.

A collaborative grant will be submitted by San Benito County, with Mariposa County as a partner, through the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for a 4-year pilot that will begin July of 2017 end by December of 2020. For every dollar that a county commits to Whole Person Care, it will be matched with a federal Medicaid dollar. Additionally, the pilot opportunity will allow the county to receive federal match for services typically not available for federal match, such as housing supports and
respite care. Because Mariposa County already spends a great deal of its state and realignment funding on services to this population, coming up with the match was not difficult. In-Kind match will come from a variety of sources including Behavioral Health Realignment, Social Services Realignment, Mental Health Services Act funding, AB 109 funding and Proposition 47 funding (if awarded) from services that are already being provided to this target population. Our estimated proposal is currently at $1.5 million in new WPC funds and $1.5 million in local match from the above named sources over the course of the 4 year grant period.

The Small County Collaborative is nearing completion of a joint application that includes providing engagement, comprehensive care coordination through the use of a multi-disciplinary team from health care, public health, behavioral health, social service and probation partners; and housing navigation. The Small County Collaborative will contract with a Third Party Administrator- County Medical Services Plan, through a JPA structure of which Mariposa County is currently a member of, to oversee administration of the funding and grant reporting.

Should the Small County Collaborative be awarded the grant, Mariposa County Human Services will prepare a new board item to request acceptance of the award.

There is no impact to the County General Fund.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Don't accept award from DHCS and therefore do not participate in the WPC Pilot Program and continue current amount of services to this population.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This grant would bring $1.5 million in new federal revenue to Mariposa County over a 4 year period. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

[Signature]
Dallin Kimble, Interim CAO 2/23/2017
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Miles Menetrey, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long
EXCUSED: Kevin Cann