RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-232

MEETING: April 25, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with Rebekah Children’s Services to Provide Inpatient Services to Children

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Rebekah Children’s Services to provide children inpatient mental health Hospital Diversion services in an amount not to exceed $50,000; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

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 current agreement for this facility was approved by the Board on August 16, 2016, by Resolution Number 2016-439.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this contract is not approved, Behavioral Health crisis response workers may have greater difficulty in placing children 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 $850 as stated in Exhibit A of the contract. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Rebekah Children Agreement 2018 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey