RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-271

MEETING: May 9, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with Whitefawn Wellness, Inc. to Provide MH Triage Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Whitefawn Wellness, Inc. to provide Mental Health Triage Services in an amount not to exceed $70,000, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The triage contractor, under general supervision of the after-hours supervisor, will provide mental health triage response for individuals in the hospital, the jail and in the field when the Sheriff's department requests a triage worker to respond with them. The triage worker will determine if a community member qualifies for a psychiatric assessment or whether there are resources from family members, a friend or other community individuals that can provide support so the individual can remain in his/her home.

The Mental Health Triage Contractors will provide after-hours and weekend 24 hour services to clients in a mental health crisis. This Agreement is necessary to perform the activities of the Mental Health Triage Grant. The Human Services Department received a Triage grant award in the amount $699,428, with a contract term from March 24, 2014, through June 30, 2017. Funds from this grant have been extended through the fiscal year 2017-18.

The grant funding must be used to expand and enhance the Department’s ability to adequately respond to mental health crisis situations experienced by the residents of Mariposa County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved an existing Agreement on August 2, 2016 by Resolution 2016-409.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this Agreement is not approved, the Department may be unable to adequately serve after-hours and weekend mental health crisis needs and comply with the grant terms that expand mental health crisis services to county residents. Non-compliance may jeopardize all or part of the grant funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract is funded primarily by the Triage Grant Award accepted by the Board on June 17, 2014. These contract expenses are budgeted in the Mental Health Services Act Triage Grant fund 443 and the mental health fund 001-0402 for Fiscal Year 2017-18. There is no impact to the County General Fund.
ATTACHMENTS:
Whitefawn Wellness Agreement 2018 - WcSignatures (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble
Dallin Kimble, Interim CAO 5/4/2017

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