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
AGREEMENT FOR TRIAGE SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ___ th day of ___ , 2017, by and between the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, ("County"), and Whitefawn Wellness, Inc. ("Contractor"), pursuant to the following terms and conditions.

WITNESSETH:

1. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2017 and terminate on June 30, 2018 unless extended as provided by this Agreement.

2. SERVICES

Contractor shall perform triage services as described in Exhibit A, “Scope of Work,” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor shall provide all staffing and materials necessary to perform the Scope of Work.

3. COMPENSATION

Contractor shall be compensated for services performed in an amount not to exceed $70,000. The Contractor’s hourly rates are listed in Exhibit B, “Cost Proposal.” The County shall pay Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of an approved invoice.

4. INSURANCE

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

(1) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO)Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal and advertising injury with limits no less than $2,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
(2) Automobile Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto, (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) Workers’ Compensation insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer’s Liability Insurance with limit of no less than $2,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

(4) Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the Contractor’s profession, with limit no less than $1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, $2,000,000 aggregate. If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County.

B. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provision:

(1) Additional Insured Status: The County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor’s insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 forms if a later edition is used).

(2) Primary Coverage: For any claims related to this Agreement, the Contractor’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.

(3) Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall state that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the County.

(4) Waiver of Subrogation: Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

(5) Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions: Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Entity. The Entity may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay...
losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.

(6) Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best’s rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the County.

(7) Verification of Coverage: Contractor shall furnish the County with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor’s obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

(8) Subcontractors: Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.

(9) Special Risks or Circumstances: County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

5. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify Entity its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, arising from all acts or omissions to act of contractor or its officers, agents, or employees in rendering services under this contract; excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses arising from Entity’s sole negligence or willful acts.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is the expressed intention of the parties that Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee, agent, joint venturer or partner of County. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between County and Contractor or any employee or agent of Contractor. Both parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. Contractor shall retain the right to perform services for others during the term of this Agreement.

7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)

In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of the County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for CalPERS benefits on behalf of
Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

8. **STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES**

As Contractor is not County’s employee, Contractor is responsible for paying all required state and federal taxes. In particular:

a. County will not withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor’s payments;
b. County will not make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor;
c. County will not withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor;
d. County will not make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor;
e. County will not obtain workers’ compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor.

9. **ASSIGNMENT**

It is understood and agreed that this Contract contemplates personal performance by the Contractor and is based upon a determination of its unique personal competence and experience and upon its specialized personal knowledge. Assignments of any or all rights, duties or obligations of the Contractor under this Contract will be permitted only with the express written consent of the County.

10. **NOTICE**

Any and all notices, reports or other communications to be given to County or Contractor shall be given to the persons representing the respective parties at the following addresses:

**CONTRACTOR:**
Whitefawn Wellness, Inc.
P.O. Box Box 1281
Mariposa, CA 95338

**COUNTY:**
County of Mariposa
5362 Lemee Lane
P.O. Box 99
Mariposa, CA 95338
Fax: (209) 742-0996

11. **COMPLIANCE**

Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinance and regulations applicable to Contractor’s performance under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, laws related to prevailing wages. Specifically, Contractor shall not engage in unlawful employment discrimination, including, but not limited to, discrimination based upon a person’s race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, citizenship or sexual orientation, as prohibited by state or federal law.

12. **PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**
Contractor is aware that this Agreement and any documents provided to the County may be subject to the California Public Records Act and may be disclosed to members of the public upon request. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to clearly identify information in those documents that it considers to be confidential under the California Public Records Act. To the extent that the County agrees with that designation, such information will be held in confidence whenever possible. All other information will be considered public.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and representations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be modified by a written amendment hereto, executed by both parties; however, matters concerning the scope of services which do not affect the agreed price may be modified by mutual written consent of the Contractor and Mariposa County Human Services Department. If there are exhibits attached hereto, and a conflict exists between the terms of this Agreement and any exhibit, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

14. ENFORCEABILITY AND SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or enforceability of any term or provisions of this Agreement shall not, unless otherwise specified, affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision, which shall remain in full force and effect.

15. TERMINATION AND RIGHTS UPON TERMINATION

A. This Agreement may be terminated upon mutual written consent of the parties, or as a remedy available at law or in equity. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately be paid all fees earned as of the effective date of termination.

B. Either party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon 30 calendar days’ written notice to the other party. Upon termination for convenience, Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for services performed acceptably up to the effective date of termination, as set forth in Exhibit B.

C. Should Contractor default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, County, at its option, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notification to Contractor. The termination date shall be the effective date of the notice. For the purposes of this subsection, default or material breach of this Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following: failure to perform required services in a timely manner, willful destruction of County property, dishonesty, or theft.

16. NO WAIVER

The failure to exercise any right to enforce any remedy contained in this Agreement shall not operate as to be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of the exercise of such right or remedy, or of any other right or remedy herein contained.

17. DISPUTES
Should it become necessary for a party to this Agreement to enforce any of the provisions hereof, the prevailing party in any claim or action shall be entitled to reimbursement for all expenses so incurred, including reasonable attorney’s fees.

It is agreed by the parties hereto that unless otherwise expressly waived by them, any action brought to enforce any of the provisions hereof or for declaratory relief hereunder shall be filed and remain in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Mariposa, State of California.

18. CAPTIONS

The captions of this Agreement are for convenience in reference only and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

19. NUMBER AND GENDER

In this Agreement, the neutral gender includes the feminine and masculine, the singular includes the plural, and the word “person” includes corporations, partnerships, firms or associations, wherever the context so requires.

20. MANDATORY AND PERMISSIVE

“Shall” is mandatory. “May” is permissive.

21. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

All representations, covenants and warranties specifically set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

22. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously and in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

23. OTHER DOCUMENTS

The parties agree that they shall cooperate in good faith to accomplish the object of this Agreement and, to that end, agree to execute and deliver such other and further instruments and documents as may be necessary and convenient to the fulfillment of these purposes.

24. CONTROLLING LAW

The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled by and construed under the laws of the State of California.

25. AUTHORITY
Each party and each party’s signatory warrant and represent that each has full authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement in accordance with all requirements of law. The parties also warrant that any signed amendment or modification to the agreement shall comply with all requirements of law, including capacity and authority to amend or modify the Agreement.

26. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

This Agreement has been arrived at through negotiation between the parties. Neither party is to be deemed the party which prepared this Agreement within the meaning of California Civil Code section 1654. Each party represents and warrants that in executing this Agreement it does so with full knowledge of the rights and duties it may have with respect to the other party. Each party also warrants and represents that it has received independent legal advice from its attorney with respect to the matters set forth in this Agreement and the rights and duties arising out of this Agreement, or that such party willingly foregoes any such consultation.

27. NO RELIANCE ON REPRESENTATIONS

Each party warrants and represents that it is not relying and has not relied upon any representation or statement made by the other party with respect to the facts involved or its rights or duties. Each party understands and agrees that the facts relevant, or believed to be relevant to this Agreement, have been independently verified. Each party further understands that it is responsible for verifying the representations of law or fact provided by the other party.

28. WARRANTY

County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby warrants that all work shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and standards as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor’s work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release.

29. FUNDING AVAILABILITY

It is mutually agreed that if the County budget of the current fiscal year and/or any subsequent fiscal years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for this Agreement, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect. In this event, the County shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Contractor or to furnish any other considerations under this Agreement and Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Agreement. Contractor’s assumption of risk of possible non-appropriation is part of the consideration for this Agreement. County budget decisions are subject to the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the County budget for purposes of this Agreement, the County shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the County, or offer an Agreement amendment to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

[Signature]
Marshall Long, Chair
Board of Supervisors

CONTRACTOR

[Signature]
Sharon Whitefawn

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Rene LaRoche
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
Steven W. Dahlem
County Counsel
I. Introduction:

a. The purpose of this attachment is to:
   1. Provide a description of services to be provided for Mariposa County Behavioral Health (MCBH) by independent contractors (also referred to as contractor in this attachment) who are chosen to provide triage services on behalf of the County.
   2. Contract Provider Responsibility

II. Description of Services:

a) The triage worker, under general supervision of the after-hours supervisor, will provide 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 to determine if a community member qualifies for a 5150 assessment or Adult Protective Services 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.

b) The triage worker will have a basic knowledge of individual and group behavior; current issues in the field of mental health; principles of interviewing and problem-solving methodology; basic principles and techniques of interviewing and recording crisis notes and 5150 assessment and hospitalizations; laws, basic principles involved in the nature, growth and development of personality; knowledge of public and private community resources.

III. Contract Provider Responsibility

a. Contractor will be responsible to communicate with others in person and over the telephone; analyze data, interpret directions, procedures, and regulations, and develop appropriate responses; act effectively in stressful situations in the performance of job duties; respond appropriately to all situations; maintain confidential information in accordance with legal standards and/or County regulations; establish and maintain effective working relationships with agency staff, clients, community members and outside organizations; communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; operate a personal computer and other office equipment and related software.

b. Contractor will be trained:
   1. by behavioral health staff on triage responsibilities and how to properly conduct a 5150 evaluation and Adult Protective Services;
   2. by jail staff and receive any and all training required for the triage worker to respond to the jail;
   3. by the sheriff’s department around responding in the field;
4. on an as needed basis, as deemed necessary, by the department to remain of top of critical issues as they arise.
5. by shadowing seasoned workers before he/she is allowed to go into the field alone. This will occur during daytime and/or night-time crisis calls until it is determined, by the after-hours supervisor, that he/she has gained sufficient experience to be competent to respond on his/her own.
6. in the use of the Anasazi electronic record keeping system and will be expected to document all client interactions in that system.
7. If a case has not been opened in the Anasazi electronic record keeping system, contractor will be instructed how to enter enough information to open a case so all interactions can be documented. Contractor will be expected to open up cases on all clients that he/she sees.

c. Contractor will submit all written and electronic documentation progress notes to the clinical supervisor for correction and final approval until given authorization by the Deputy Director to finalize documentation independently.

d. When contractor is on call, he/she is expected to be available to the after-hours call line, the jail and to the sheriff when required to respond.
   1. Contractor will have 15 minutes to respond by phone to his/her supervisor once a call has been initiated.
   2. When the call involves responding to the hospital, contractor has one hour to respond.
   3. When the worker is asked to respond to the jail, contractor has one hour to respond in person.

e. When the sheriff’s department is needing a triage worker to go with them and respond in the field, contractor will coordinate with the sheriff to meet him/her and respond in a timely manner or to make arrangements to meet the sheriff in the field. Contractor are not expected to respond in the field on their own, so coordination with a sheriff is crucial.

IV. HIPAA Compliance

Contractor agrees to the extent required by 42 U.S.C. 1171 et seq., Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), to comply with applicable requirements of law and subsequent amendments relating to protected health information, as well as any task or activity contractor performs on behalf of County, to the extent County would be required to comply with such requirements.
Exhibit B
COST PROPOSAL

Contractor will be paid $2,000 per week worked for all services described in Exhibit A, including attending monthly meetings with the After-Hours On-Call Supervisor, attending monthly meetings with the Daytime Crisis Response Team, and attending occasional trainings to keep up skills, knowledge and necessary certifications.

If the Contractor is required to be absent because of illness or another reason, the Contractor shall coordinate coverage for the absence with another Triage Contractor so as to avoid gaps in client service. The After-Hours On-Call Supervisor will provide contact information for all Triage Contractors. If the Contractor is unable to work for an entire 24 hour period and cannot arrange with another contractor to swap days, the $2,000 weekly compensation will be reduced $286 per 24 hour absence.

The Contractor’s attendance and participation may be required in a situation outside the scope of work described in Exhibit A, or outside the scope of regular trainings and meetings. The Contractor will be compensated for such additional participation at a rate of $30 per hour.

The above rates may fluctuate up to 10% based on the state approved rate in effect on the date of service.