RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-809

MEETING: December 5, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Multi-County Agreement with Merced County as Lead to Operate Crisis Residential Unit

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Multi-County Consortium Agreement with the County of Merced as Lead that sets forth the terms and conditions under which services at a new Crisis Residential Unit shall be furnished and accept $40,000 in joint grant funding for Mariposa County Behavioral Health; and authorize the County Administrative Officer and the Human Services Director to sign the Agreement.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Behavioral Health Unit of Mariposa County Human Services wishes to participate in the utilization of one or more beds in a 16-bed regional Crisis Residential Unit (CRU) under construction in Merced through a California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) Grant. As a participating county under the terms of the grant application, the Mariposa County Human Services Department will receive $35,000 toward the purchase of a mental health crisis response transport vehicle and $5,000 to purchase a telehealth system.

The County of Merced has obtained joint funding from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA), through the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (IMHW), to construct a 16-bed CRU in Merced. This facility is under construction and scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2018, with an opening ceremony planned for March 2018.

It is in the interest of Mariposa County to participate in this consortium to increase the availability of nearby crisis beds resulting in reduced costs to serve clients in crisis and to receive the benefit of $40,000 toward a new crisis transport vehicle and new software to manage crisis coordination.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this Agreement is not approved, Mariposa County Behavioral Health will continue to seek mental health crisis residential beds at more distant locations, and the Department will forego the benefit of $40,000 in joint grant funds for a vehicle and software.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This Agreement is cost neutral to Mariposa County. There is no financial impact to the County General Fund.
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ATTACHMENTS:
17-CRU-Multi-County Agreement (PDF)

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