RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-87

MEETING: March 6, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Approve Submission of Behavioral Health Triage Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is currently seeking approval to submit an application for funding to continue and enhance our existing Crisis/Triage Team (TRAC Team).

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission administers funding through the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 for a Triage Program. Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services received a three year grant in 2014 and a one year extension in 2017 to operate a Triage Team. This team provides both crisis and triage response to the community and has partnered with Law Enforcement, John C. Fremont Healthcare District, Mariposa County Unified School District, and our community based organizations to provide a more comprehensive level of outreach and early intervention into behavioral health concerns and crises in the community. The Team has also served to provide Mental Health First Aid Training to community partners and individuals to increase their capacity to both respond to and link those in need to our services.

The current funding opportunity will provide funding for three years for Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to not only continue the important work that was started with the creation of this team, but to modify the program based on lessons learned to better serve the community. Some of these modifications include: Increased use of Peer Support; increased communication and coordination with community partners during and after crisis/triage services are provided; increased training for staff in crisis stabilization and co-occurring crises; and increased case management and linkages so that clients are successful in connecting with services after an intervention is provided by the Team.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

2014, Board Approved, RES-2014-600

2017, Board Approved Extension, RES-2017-234
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ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board may direct the Department not to submit the application for funding and then the Department would have to scale back its Triage Services to the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The program is funded through a combination of MHSOAC Funding, Medi-Cal Billing and Mental Health Services Prevention and Early Intervention Funds. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Reference MH Triage Grant, RES-2014-600 (PDF)
Reference Approve Term Extension Amendment for MHSOAC Mental Health Triage Grant, RES-2017-234 (PDF)
Triage Grant for Board (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED: Kevin Cann