RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-600

MEETING: October 15, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Telecare Mental Health Services Agreement with Health and Human Services Agency

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with Telecare to provide mental health services for Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in an amount not to exceed $225,000; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The County does not operate inpatient hospital facilities and therefore agreements for such placements. Multiple agreements 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 agreements, there may come a time when someone is a danger to himself/herself or others and no bed space is available.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The County does not have a prior history with Telecare.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this agreement is not approved, HHSA crisis response workers may have greater difficulty in placing clients who require emergency psychiatric hospitalization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract will be paid from the Behavioral Health budget unit 001-0402. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
FY19-FY20 Mariposa County Provider Agreement for Garfield - 9252019 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED: Rosemarie Smallcombe