RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-69

MEETING: February 11, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Ratify the Director's Signature on the MOU with Mother Lode Workforce Development Board

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Ratify the Health & Human Services Director's signature on a Three-Year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (MLWDB) and the America's Job Center of California (AJCC) partners to establish the framework for providing services to employers, employees, job seekers and others needing workforce services.

An original due date for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) MOU to be completed was July 2019. The Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (MLWDB) was granted an extension to November 2019 in order to meet with partner agencies to get buy-in and agreement of some of the changes. Questions arose among some of the counties, which caused Mariposa County to pause before signing the MOU. The MOU was then signed prior to receiving Board approval to enable the MLWDB to get their MOU submitted timely.

Under this MOU Mariposa County will renew a partnership with AJCC. Mariposa County's primary contribution to the effort will be sharing existing resources in the Public Assistance Branch.

The AJCC system will serve the following four counties: Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa and Tuolumne. The AJCC, is a locally-driven system which develops partnerships and provides programs and services to achieve three main policy objectives established by the California Workforce Development Strategic Plan, which includes the following:

- Foster demand-driven skills attainment
- Enable upward mobility for all Californians
- Align, coordinate, and integrate programs and services

These objectives will be accomplished by ensuring access to high-quality AJCCs that provide the full range of services available in the community for all customers seeking the following:

- Looking to find a job.
- Building basic educational or occupational skills.
☐ Earning a postsecondary certificate or degree.
☐ Obtaining guidance on how to make career choices.
☐ Seeking to identify and hire skilled workers.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
In October 2016, the Board approved a three year MOU with the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (MLWDB) and the America’s Job Center of California (AJCC) partners.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this MOU is withdrawn, Mariposa County will not continue to partner with the AJCC and the MLWDB. If Mariposa County does not fully participate in the MOU effort, Mariposa residents seeking work may lose potential benefits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There are no additional costs associated with this MOU at the present time. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
2019 Mother Lode MOU & IFA (PDF)

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