RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-446

MEETING: July 28, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Eric Sergienko, Health Officer/Acting HHSA Director

RE: Request Approval of MOU to Provide Behavioral Health Services to Yosemite National Park

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Yosemite National Park to Provide Behavioral Health Services to Yosemite National Park at the Yosemite Medical Clinic; and Authorize the Director of Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to Sign the MOU.

There are geographically isolated communities in the County where distance and transportation are barriers to access any level of mental health services. Without readily available services, mild or moderate mental health issues can escalate into major issues. Providing mental health services to these communities required an expansion of the Mariposa County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Mental Health Plan services policy in order to serve non Medi-Cal insured clients. With the update to the Client Service Policy approved by the Board on June 9, 2015, HHSA is now authorized to provide behavioral health services within Yosemite National Park.

The attached MOU has been crafted between HHSA and Yosemite National Park to provide behavioral health services as described.

The Yosemite National Park is making space available in their Yosemite Medical Clinic to provide these services as well as providing limited clerical/receptionist assistance. Behavioral Health services to clients will be provided through a Professional Services Agreement between the County and an outside vendor, while administrative overhead of this program will be provided county staff and be offset by State and Federal sources.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
June 9, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Client Services Policy (6.17); Resolution 2015-273.

June 23, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the most recent MOU to provide Behavioral Health services to Yosemite National Park; Resolution 2015-298.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
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Failing to enact an MOU with Yosemite National Park would make access to services to the residents of this area of our County much more difficult.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This MOU does not involve any exchange of funds between the County and the U.S. Department of the Interior or Yosemite National Park. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
MYOSERV001 Mariposa County Behavioral Health 1 Year Agreement - EXP 20210630 (PDF)

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