RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-666

MEETING: December 14, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director

RE: Kene Me-Wu Operational Agreement for Domestic Violence Referrals

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Operational Agreement with Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. for domestic violence referrals; and authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director to Sign the Agreement.

This is an Operational Agreement to coordinate referrals of Native American domestic violence or sexual assault victims. For several years the Agency has signed this operational agreement at the request of Kene Me-Wu. This Agreement facilitates cooperation between Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and Kene Me-Wu to maximize assistance for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. In the interest to best fit Native American clients, HHSA will make referrals to Kene Me-Wu as appropriate.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved the most recent Operational Agreements with Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. on January 21, 2020 by Resolution 2020-33.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Not supporting this Agreement would hinder providing the best care to Native American clients and may jeopardize Kene Me-Wu’s funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
No funds will be exchanged by this Operational Agreement. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Kene Mi Wu Operational Agreement 2022 - Wcsignature (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey

REF ID# 12389
Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc.
A Native American Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program
and
Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

This operational agreement stands as evidence that Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. (KMWFHC), and Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for Native American domestic violence or sexual assault victims and their children residing in Mariposa County. Both agencies believe that cooperative provision of services for domestic violence or sexual assault victims and their families, as described, will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to coordinating/providing the following:

- When necessary and deemed appropriate, Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. agrees to provide services to Native American victims of domestic violence referred by Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency.
- Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. staff will report abused children to Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency.
- Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. will make available, through a 24-hour crisis line, 1-800-792-7776, referral and advocacy to Native American victims of domestic violence referred by Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency.
- Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. and Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency will participate in cross training to exchange information regarding domestic violence/sexual assault with Native American Families.
- Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. can make available written material to Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency personnel to provide Native American domestic violence or sexual assault victims.

The undersigned, as authorized representatives of Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc. and Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency, do hereby approve this document for a period, beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, Inc.  
Date: 11/10/2021

Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency  
Date: 12-14-21

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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