RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-692

MEETING: December 21, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director

RE: Approve Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program Allocation

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Ratify the Mental Health Director’s and Auditor’s signatures on the Program Startup Funding Claiming Form; Approve acceptance of Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BH-QIP) allocation funding from the California Department of Health Care Services in the amount not to exceed $616,867; and authorize the Director of Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to accept this allocation and implement the associated activities.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has created the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BH-QIP) to incentivize counties to prepare for changes under the California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, as well as future programs requiring counties to build out new infrastructure and capacity. The BH-QIP will be structured as an incentive program, whereby counties will be required to achieve certain CalAIM implementation milestones to earn incentive payments. A total of $86,602,000 in CalAIM incentives are available from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22, Senate Bill (SB) 129 (Chapter 69; Statutes of 2021), authorized $21,750,000 in General Fund for the BH-QIP.

Mariposa County will receive two sets of payments: 1) Start-up funding amount of $250,000 that will be available to Mariposa County in the first and second quarter of FY 2021-22. 2) Quarterly incentive payments, available after January, 2022, following submission of a DHCS approved implementation plan and the subsequent completion of CalAIM implementation milestones, which must be designed to support Mariposa County’s ability to implement the CalAIM goals.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors does not have a prior history with DHCS for this specific purpose.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Without approval, HHSA will forgo funding for a critical component in the CalAIM implementation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no impact to the County General Fund. HHSA will receive a new allocation for these activities.
ATTACHMENTS:
BHIN-21-044-Behavioral-Health-Quality-Improvement-Program-Start-Up-Fund (PDF)
BH-QIP Start Up funding claiming form (PDF)
Enclosure 1 CalAIM BHQIP Funds Availability 11.18.21 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrej