RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2012-426

MEETING: August 14, 2012

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director

RE: Revised MHSA WET Plan

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Revised Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education Training (WET) Plan to Approve submission of the Revised MHSA WET Plan to the State. The plan revision involves the addition of Action #6 (page 68). No new funds are being requested; Authorize the Human Services Director to sign the agreement and any subsequent amendments with the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) with regards to the Revised MHSA WET Plan; and Authorize the Human Services Director to implement the activities within the Revised MHSA WET Plan.

Approval of this item will allow the integration of a new Action #6 "Workforce Stipend Program" into the County's existing MHSA WET Plan. This integration is required to comply with State guidelines regarding the expenditure of MHSA WET funds.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On June 7, 2011 (Resolution 11-250), the Board approved a new policy and procedure regarding student stipend programs available to employees of the Mariposa County Human Services Department to be effective July 1, 2011. One component of this policy and procedure is a mental health workforce stipend available to department employees. MHSA WET funds will be used to pay for this stipend. In order to implement this stipend, the existing MHSA WET Plan must be modified to incorporate the new Action #6 "Workforce Stipend Program."

The original (WET) Plan was approved by the Board on September 8, 2009, Resolution 09-444.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this item is not approved, the County will be out of compliance with State requirements regarding the expenditure of MHSA WET funds.
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FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no impact to the County General Fund. No new funds are being requested.

ATTACHMENTS:
Revised MHSA WET Plan Mariposa County (DOC)
PUBLIC HEARING Announcement for Revised WET Plan August 14 2012 (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen

Rick Benson, County Administrator
TO: JIM RYDINGSWORD, Human Services Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Revised Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education Training (WET) Plan and Approve Submission of the Revised MHSA WET Plan to the State; Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement and Any Subsequent Amendments with the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) with Regards to the Revised MHSA WET Plan; and Authorize the Human Services Director to Implement the Activities Within the Revised MHSA WET Plan

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 14, 2012

ACTION AND VOTE:

6. Human Services/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services RES-2012-426

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Jim Rydingsword presented the staff report; and he responded to questions from the Board as to whether any written correspondence was received for the hearing; status of the High School ROP program; relative to the stipend program and whether the stipends are reported to PERS as a benefit, what happen if a participant doesn’t come back to work for the Department after completing the education, whether this program is a common practice throughout the State, and what happens if the conditions of the program are not met including the grade point average. Supervisor Bibby asked that the Board receive a status report on the program. The public portion of the hearing was opened and there was no input. The public portion was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. The recommended action was approved.
Supervisor Bibby asked that the stipends be monitored to determine if there is a continuing need. The hearing was closed.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen

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