RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2012-617

MEETING: December 18, 2012

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director

RE: SWERT Contract for MHSA Innovation Support

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with the California State University (CSU) Fresno Foundation through its Social Welfare Evaluation Research and Training Center (SWERT) to assist with the development of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Program in an amount not to exceed $42,000, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement, and Approve Budget Action Reducing the Contingency in the MHSA fund to fund the Agreement ($32,000.)

The Department wishes to renew our contract with CSU Fresno Foundation through SWERT to assist with the development of the Mariposa County MHSA Innovation Program and to create an evaluation design that will be used to measure program outcomes.

Behavioral Health intends to apply "Team Decision Making" to the mental health adult population. Team Decision Making is an evidence-based practice found in the child welfare setting. The county looked at the barriers identified by consumers, staff and the community during various stakeholder meetings held in early 2009 and sought a project aimed at reducing some of these identified barriers. In addition, throughout the community meetings, stakeholders expressed a belief that individuals often felt stigmatized simply by accessing mental health services. After exploring other practices, it was determined that implementing Team Decision Making meetings for the adult mental health population would lead to positive outcomes.

SWERT will assist with the development of the MHSA Innovation Program and create an evaluation design that will be used to measure Project outcomes. It is anticipated that the evaluation will be designed to address individual, systemic and group dynamics. Mariposa County will require that SWERT include the stakeholders in this process. The county selected this specific Innovation Project after reviewing input from the community via a series of stakeholder meetings. Further, the Innovation Plan will include continued outreach to the community to introduce how this Innovation Project will hopefully address some of the concerns expressed in the stakeholder meetings. The evaluation process itself will include surveys with Team Decision Making meeting participants immediately following the meetings. In addition, it is anticipated that once implementation takes place, quarterly focus groups will be held with various agency, consumer and community members to review the Project and the use of Team Decision Making meetings. Data will be collected to track the decisions made during the Team Decision Making meetings and to determine whether these decisions resulted in the desired outcomes. It is further anticipated that the local Mental Health Board will be updated periodically throughout the
lifetime of the Innovation Project.

**Mental Health Board Review:** This item was reviewed by the Mental Health Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2012 and is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors with a positive recommendation.

**Funding Source:** This item is funded through the approved Mental Health Services Act Plan.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**
The previous contract was approved by Resolution 11-178 on May 3, 2011. The MHSA Innovation Program was previously approved by your Board with Resolution 10-281, on June 1, 2010. The Program was approved and funded by the State Department of Mental Health on August 24, 2010. The total funding received to date for this program is $299,000.

The total funding for this program to date is $299,000 and MHSA funds continue to come on a monthly basis based on State wide income tax receipt. Our experience this year is that the additional funding, on a monthly basis, is about $30,000.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**
If this contract is not approved, plans to implement the MHSA Innovation program will be hindered. The program will lack an effective evaluation design based on current best practices.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
There is no impact on County General Fund dollars. There is no local match requirement. Transfer to account 410-0524-668-0418 (Professional Services) in the amount of $32,000.00; and Transfer from account 410-0524-668-1090 (Contingency) in the amount of $32,000.00

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**Total:** $0.00

**ATTACHMENTS:**
- SWERT_BH_TDM contract 2013  (PDF)
- SWERT_BH_TDM contract 2013 Exhibit B  (PDF)
- SWERT_BH_TDM contract 2013 Exhibit A  (PDF)
- BA Inn for SWERT 2013  (PDF)

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**
Requested Action Recommended

[Signature]
Rick Benson, County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jim Allen, Jim Allen
SECONDER: Lyle Turpin, Lyle Turpin
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen, Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen
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**ACTION REQUESTED:**  
( ) Budget appropriation by Board of Supervisors (4/5ths Vote Required): Amending the total amount available in the county budget, or in any one fund of the budget , or transferring appropriation from Contingencies.

( X ) Transfer by Board of Supervisors (3/5ths Vote Required): Moving existing appropriations from one budget to another, or between categories within a budget unit;

**JUSTIFICATION**  
To fund contract with Innovation component funding.

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**DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE**  

**DATE**  
11/16/2012

**APPROVED BY RES NO.**  
12-17  
**CLERK**  

**DATE**  
12/19/2012

**DEPARTMENT**  
Human Services

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