

**DEPARTMENT:** Human Services

**BY:** James Rydingsword  
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11-368

**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Authorize the Human Services Department to fund and fill a 50% Mental Health Assistant I position to provide evidence-based Child Welfare Services Differential Response services and In-Home Parenting utilizing Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) and Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds effective September 1, 2011. The Department is making this request at this time, as opposed to making the request in Final Budget Hearings, in order to begin recruitment for this position so it can be in place by September 1, 2011.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) and Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds have historically been contracted out of Human Services to a variety of community resource agencies over the years including Kingsview, the School District and/or smaller CBOs to provide services. CAPIT and CBCAP funds were used to establish Mariposa Safe Families (MSF) as a non-profit within Mariposa County. During 2009 Child Welfare Services (Human Services) and Juvenile Services (Probation) conducted a community-wide self-assessment of needs and services. In April of 2010 a System Improvement Plan was published (available on the Human Services website) which identified specific community needs relating to evidence based services for child welfare and probation. The System Improvement Plan specifically recommended an early intervention strategy called differential response with an additional focus on in-home parenting education.

Differential Response and in-home parenting education are alternative approaches in child welfare interventions that focus less on investigative fact finding and more on assessing and insuring child safety by helping the family identify their needs to keep their children safe.

Differential Response and individualized parenting education evolved out of the growing understanding that not all families need an investigative intervention to address child safety concerns. Earlier interventions that connect families with preventive, community based services can prevent further contact with the Child Welfare system.

A differential response and individualized parenting education model allows for the provision of preventative and early intervention services through the use of Federal and State Child Abuse Prevention funds. It also provides for a reconnection of the family to their community. The traditional investigative CPS response is then used for the higher risk cases where significant intervention is needed.

A Request for Proposal was published. One local agency, Mariposa Safe Families, was the sole respondent in Mariposa County to this RFP. After review by the Department and an independent review by the State Office of Child Abuse Prevention it was decided not to accept the proposal from Mariposa Safe Families. As an alternative, the Human Services Department Behavioral Health and Recovery Division provides specialized services to families including Children's System of Care and Wraparound Services. We propose using the CAPIT and CBCAP funds to fund a 50% Mental Health Assistant to provide Child Welfare Differential Response and In-Home Parenting through Children's System of Care. The goal of Differential Response and in-home parenting services within the Children's System of Care unit is provide approaches that focus more on assessing and insuring child safety in order to avoid prevent future Child Welfare Services interventions.

**Financial**

The funding available for the designated services is \$60,000/year of Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) funds and \$30,000/year Of Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds. This funding continues through June 2013. Since this proposal is a new

approach to Differential Response and In-Home Parenting there is no history of activity. Mariposa Safe Families will continue to receive mandated, \$20,000 from CBC funding as the Mariposa County designated Child Abuse Prevention Council. An administrative fee of 10% of CAPIT, \$6,000, will be retained within the Social Services budget. The remaining funds of \$64,000 to be transferred to the Mental Health budget for services described above. There is no impact to the general fund.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Provide alternative services, find alternative service provider, or reject funding.

Financial Impact?  Yes  No Current FY Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Recurring Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Budgeted In 2011/12 FY?  Yes  No  Partially Funded  
 Amount in Budget: \$90,000 \_\_\_\_\_ List Attachments, number pages consecutively \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Funding Needed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Source: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Internal Transfer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unanticipated Revenue \_\_\_\_\_ 4/5's vote \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transfer Between Funds \_\_\_\_\_ 4/5's vote \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contingency \_\_\_\_\_ 4/5's vote \_\_\_\_\_  
 General  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No.: 11-368 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: Mariposa  
 Approved  
 Minute Order Attached  No Action Necessary

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Requested Action Recommended  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position and funding are included in the FY 11-12 Requested Budget.  
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The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
 County of Mariposa, State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy

CAO: \_\_\_\_\_



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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MINUTE ORDER

TO: JIM RYDINGSWORD, Human Services Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*

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RES. 11-368

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on July 26, 2011

#### ACTION AND VOTE:

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**BOARD ACTION:** Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director, reviewed the background and history of the funding for these programs, and he advised of the System Improvement Plan and his recommendation. Discussion was held.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Cheryl Bhalla, Executive Director for Mariposa Safe Families, Inc., referred to her letter expressing concern with the Human Services Director's recommendation, and requesting that they continue to be funded for prevention and intervention programs. She responded to questions from the Board relative to their programs and being able to meet the funding requirements.

Further discussion was held. Supervisor Cann stated he feels that we need to find ways to support the prevention programs. (M)Cann, (S)Bibby, Res. 11-368 was adopted approving the actions requested by the Human Services Director. Supervisor Allen agreed with the need for prevention programs and with continuing to look for funding. Supervisor Stetson urged Mariposa Safe Families to come back to the Board for support of any potential funding sources. Ayes: Stetson, Bibby, Cann, Allen; Excused: Turpin.

Cc: Sandi Laird, Personnel  
Bill Davis, Auditor  
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