

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

BY: James Rydingsword
PHONE: 966-2000

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully requested that your Board approve increases in the Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug program fees to begin charging fees for all clients who do not qualify for Drug Medi-Cal.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See Memo

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

See Memo

Financial Impact? (X) Yes () No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Next FY? () Yes (X) No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Memo page 1-2
Source:		Fee Charts 3-4
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.: 11-390 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____
 Absent: 1
 Approved
 Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments:

CAO: [Signature]



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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*
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Fee Increases for Alcohol & Drug Programs and Begin Charging Fees for all Clients who do not Qualify for Drug Medi-Cal

RES. 11-390

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 9, 2011

ACTION AND VOTE:

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Human Services

PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Fee Increases for Alcohol & Drug Programs and Begin Charging Fees for all Clients who do not Qualify for Drug Medi-Cal

BOARD ACTION: Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director, presented the staff report; and he advised that if there is no alcohol and drug program in the County, that participants would need to go to a neighboring county for services. He responded to questions from the Board relative to the use of the revenue that will be received from the fee increases – it will be used to support the program; whether the fees would discourage Court-ordered attendance – they are required to attend if ordered by the Court and they have asked the Court to support these fees; comparison of the fees with the neighboring counties – they are comparable and generally lower; the effective date of the increase – September 1, 2011; request for enactment of a resolution that can be included in the Court order relative to the fees – today's Minute Order will fulfill the resolution request; verification that the income level on the sliding fee scale chart is for monthly income; what percentage of the actual cost of the program will be offset by the projected revenue from the fees – about two percent; and relative to the number of people in the County enrolled in the programs – about 300 annually and about 75% of those are covered by Medi-Cal. He responded to a question from the County Administrative Officer as to whether these programs are covered by Proposition 36 funding – that funding does not exist any more.

The public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:

Eleanor Keuning asked about the status of the Heritage House and their services and change to non-profit status; stated she feels the alcohol and drug services should be kept in the County; asked whether people can apply for the services

voluntarily; and asked whether there are exclusions for these types of services in Medi-Cal and Medicare coverages.

The public portion of the hearing was closed. Jim Rydingsword responded to the questions and advised that Heritage House has never been a treatment service program, just a community support and drop-in. With the budget reduction, they recommended last year that the Heritage House become a non-profit organization and it has done that. He agrees with trying to keep the services in the County, and he advised that individuals can choose to go to other counties. They do have people that volunteer for the treatment programs; however, they are also subject to the fees. He referred to the questions relative to the Medi-Cal and Medicare exclusions and advised that they are very aggressive in finding alternative ways for people to pay for services in the Department. (M)Cann, (S)Bibby, Res. 11-390 was adopted approving the recommended fees, effective September 1, 2011/Ayes: Stetson, Bibby, Cann, Allen; Excused: Turpin. The hearing was closed.

Cc: Bill Davis, Auditor
Cindy Larca, HSD
Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel
Karen Smith, Administration
File

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing in the Board Chambers, Government Center, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, California, on August 9, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider fee increases for Alcohol & Drug programs for clients who do not qualify for Drug Medi-Cal. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Human Services Department at 966-2000.

Written and oral input will be accepted until the conclusion of the public portion of the hearing.

Human Services

Publication Date: July 28, 2011, and August 4, 2011

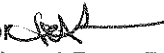


MARIPOSA COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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August 2, 2011

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
Rick Benson, CAO
FROM: James Rydingsword, Director 
RE: Fee Schedule for the Alcohol and Drug Program

Recommendation

It is respectfully requested that your Board approve increases in the Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug program fees to begin charging fees for all clients who do not qualify for Drug Medi-Cal. Such fees would be collected before a client is allowed to attend a group session. These fees would be based on a sliding fee scale that is attached for your review. We recommend an effective date of September 1, 2011.

To assist us in the collection of these fees we are also recommending that your Board enact a resolution that can be included in the court order. We have conferred with the Presiding Judge of the Mariposa County Superior Court and he is willing to support this effort.

Background/Current Situation

Due to a steady state and federal decrease in funding for our Alcohol and Drug program, we are requesting that we be allowed to begin charging increased fees as clients come in for their drug and alcohol individual and group sessions. The county has provided alcohol and drug services since June of 2004. During that time the program has attempted to set and collect fees for the different groups but the collection of those fees has been problematic. Clients have not been compelled to pay fees because there has been no mechanism to collect these fees in the past.

According to our alcohol and drug representative at the state, there are no statutes governing the fees charged for alcohol and drug individual and group sessions. We are required to provide a rationale for such charges and as long as they are reasonable and based on a sliding fee scale we are allowed to charge for our services. The fees collected will be used to help pay for continued alcohol and drug services in Mariposa County. The superior court is in agreement with this plan and has encouraged us to move forward.

If an Alcohol and Drug program participant does not pay their fees, the results will be;

1. Referred to Probation Recovery Unit for collection,
2. Referred to programs in other counties,
3. Disenrollment from the Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug program,
4. Possible incarceration.

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Financial

We anticipate that this new fee schedule will increase unrestricted revenue to the Human Services Alcohol and Drug programs. An estimate has not been provided as it is difficult to estimate the increase in revenue that may occur. We plan to do an annual review of the new fee structure to measure its effectiveness. There will be no fiscal impact to the county as the fees generated will go toward continuing alcohol and drug services.

**Individual
FAMILY SIZE**

INCOME	1	2	3	4	5	6
0-\$499	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$18.00	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$15.00
\$500-599	\$21.00	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$18.00	\$17.00	\$16.00
\$600-699	\$22.00	\$21.00	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$18.00	\$17.00
\$700-799	\$23.00	\$22.00	\$21.00	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$18.00
\$800-899	\$24.00	\$23.00	\$22.00	\$21.00	\$20.00	\$19.00
\$900-999	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$23.00	\$22.00	\$21.00	\$20.00
\$1000-1099	\$26.00	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$23.00	\$22.00	\$21.00
\$1100-1199	\$27.00	\$26.00	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$23.00	\$22.00
\$1200-1299	\$28.00	\$27.00	\$26.00	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$23.00
\$1300-1399	\$29.00	\$28.00	\$27.00	\$26.00	\$25.00	\$24.00
\$1400-1499	\$30.00	\$29.00	\$28.00	\$27.00	\$26.00	\$25.00
\$1500-1599	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$29.00	\$28.00	\$27.00	\$26.00
\$1600-1699	\$32.00	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$29.00	\$28.00	\$27.00
\$1700-1799	\$33.00	\$32.00	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$29.00	\$28.00
\$1800-1899	\$34.00	\$33.00	\$32.00	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$29.00
\$1900-1999	\$35.00	\$34.00	\$33.00	\$32.00	\$31.00	\$30.00
\$2000-2099	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$34.00	\$33.00	\$32.00	\$31.00
\$2100-2199	\$37.00	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$34.00	\$33.00	\$32.00
\$2200-2299	\$38.00	\$37.00	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$34.00	\$33.00
\$2300-2399	\$39.00	\$38.00	\$37.00	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$34.00
\$2400-up	FULL COST OF SERVICE					\$67.53

Per session fees.

Group Rates

FAMILY SIZE

INCOME	1	2	3	4	5	6
0-\$499	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$18.00	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$15.00
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\$2400-up						\$28.69

Per session fees