RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact?  ( ) Yes  ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY?  ( ) Yes  ( ) No  ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $__
Additional Funding Needed: $__
Source: Internal Transfer  Unanticipated Revenue  Transfer Between Funds  Contingency  ( ) General  ( ) Other

Annual Recurring Cost: $
List attachments, numbered pages consecutively.

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 02-452  Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5  Noes: _____
Absent: _____
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:

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
   Rick Benson, CAO
RE: Behavior Health / Permission to Accept Pass Through Federal Revenue for
    Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children via the Mariposa County Office of
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Background and Current Information

Revenue needed to pay for severely emotionally disturbed children has been
problematic in California for the past two decades. More children have needed
treatment than there was revenue to pay the service.

Children with severe emotional illness need to be referred to the department for
assessment, case planning and treatment. On rare occasions, they even need in-patient
treatment. These are costly services due to the level of counselor needed to address the
magnitude of the problem. Those dollars available under AB 3632 were simply not near
enough to meet state needs.

The State attempted to solve the fiscal problem by forwarding federal Individuals with
Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) money to the schools to pay for the share of cost that
MediCal does not cover. This process worked very well last year and our staff worked
with the School’s personnel towards serving children and accounting for the money.

IDEA funds combine with $31,500 in AB 3632 dollars to provide services to those
children who are severely disturbed. Once students are identified as Emotionally
Disturbed (ED), Behavioral Health is invited (by parents) to participate in an
Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meeting with the special education department to
establish what the mental health treatment plan will be. This IEP will include all mental
health related services that the department is committed to provide.

Fiscal

This agreement will allow the Department access to $34,475 in federal IDEA dollars. The
exact amount will be based on the caseload and expenses.
The Schools will forward 50% of the IDEA funds by January 1, 2008; 75% of the funds by March 1, 2008. The remaining 25% will be forwarded, if needed, based on the number of cases and costs.