DEPARTMENT: Human Services/Behavioral Health  BY: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
PHONE: 966-2442

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize the contract for FY 2004-2005 between the County of Mariposa and Value Options for Medi-Cal counseling for foster children placed out of county.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes  (X) No  Current FY Cost: $  Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes  ( ) No  ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $  
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.: 4244  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
Date: May 20, 2004

To: Members, the Board of Supervisors
   Rich Inman, CAO
From: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
Re: Request to Contract with Value Options for Specialty Mental Health Services.

Recommendation:

It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize the contract for FY 2004-2005 between the County of Mariposa and Value Options for Medi-Cal counseling for foster children placed out of county.

Background:

Mariposa County has, for several years, contracted with Administrative Services Organization (ASO) through California Mental Health Directors' Association (CMHDA) for mental health medical specialty services for full scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 18 placed outside of Mariposa County. In March of this year counties were notified that ASO will no longer be able to provide these contracted services.

Current Situation:

At present, CMHDA has facilitated the transition of these services to Value Options (VO), who will carry these contracts with the counties. VO has stated that one contract will be written to cover all counties that have chosen to use their services. Our intent to contract was given to VO in April, 2004.

After extensive conference calls, the attached contract language was written. It was a difficult process because the California counties have differing contract requirements and wording. However, the alternative was multiple contracts with providers in each of the California counties. The contract before you today requires the county to: Appoint VO as its agent for entering into agreements with Preferred Providers of mental health services; furnish any required information promptly; pay to VO a sum equal to $28.08 per month per Eligible Beneficiary for whom claims were paid in the preceding month as compensation for providing the described services.

The scope of services to be provided by VO is listed in the contract, Exhibit A. VO has requested that these contracts be approved, signed and in their possession by June 28, 2004 to ensure full execution of the contract by July 1, 2004 and avoid delays in services.

Financial:
This action will have no financial impact on the County General Fund. The cost of $28.08 per month per beneficiary has been budgeted for in the recently submitted budgets for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. The cost of the individual service units are reimbursed through the Medi-Cal Program. No County general funds are required.