DEPARTMENT: Human Services/Behavioral Health

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
It is respectfully recommended that your Board enter into an agreement with Kings View Corporation for Tele Psychiatry.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Please see attached memo.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Please see attached memo.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No
Current FY Cost: 8 hrs./wk.$260/hr. plus $620.00/mo. equipment charge
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No
Partially Funded
Amount in Budget:
Additional Funding Needed: $________
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

Memo from Human Services Director
Tele Psychiatry Services Agreement-Kings View Corp.

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: Ord. No.
Vote – Ayes: Noes:
Absent:
( ) Approved

( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of

the original on file in this office.

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:
February 4, 2004

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors  
Rich Inman, CAO  
FROM: Cheryl Rutherford-Kelly  
RE: Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with Kings View Corporation for Tele Psychiatry

Recommendation

It is respectfully recommended that your Board enter into an agreement with Kings View Corporation for Tele Psychiatry.

Background / Current Situation

Mental Health must be managed by a Medical Director, an MD psychiatrist, as well as a state approved Mental Health Director. Psychiatric clients are primarily seen by the Medical Director, Dr. Cruz, through sophisticated interactive video equipment.

Dr. Cruz is very well liked and respected by clients and the staff. Using the tele equipment, I have been meeting with Dr. Cruz regarding clinic needs in relation to medical guidance. It is easy to forget that Dr. Cruz is not actually in the room. Dr. Cruz is cognizant of local mental health issues and is willing to take a more active role in the clinic. That is appropriate and would be helpful. Upon your approval, we are increasing Dr. Cruz's hours from four per week to eight. Dr. Cruz has an excellent working relationship with our Mental Health Social Worker Supervisor II, John Lawless, who will be moving from Children's System of Care (County operated) to Mental Health to help provide supervision of staff.

Dr. Cruz uses the tele psychiatry equipment owned by Kings View Corporation. He is a psychiatrist (MD) in private practice and not a Kings View employee. At transfer, the County will own the piece of tele equipment that is on site while Kings View owns the half in their Corporate office. Until Dr. Cruz secures his own equipment, or the County buys that companion piece of equipment, a contract is necessary.

In addition to an agreement for tele psychiatry, we will be processing other agreements for on-site psychiatric services simply due to Dr. Cruz's schedule.

Financial

The cost of the equipment is $620 monthly usage fee plus $260 per hour for psychiatric time. This will be paid through Mental Health allocations and Medi Cal billing for client services. There are no general fund dollars involved.
TO: CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, Human Services Director  
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH KINGS VIEW CORPORATION FOR TELE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES  
Resolution No. 04-64  

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,  
ADOPTED THIS Order on February 17, 2004  

ACTION AND VOTE:  

B) Authorize the Chair to Sign an Agreement with Kings View Corporation for Tele Psychiatric Services  
BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. (M)Pickard, (S)Stetson, Res. 04-64 was adopted approving the Agreement. Board members advised of typographical corrections that need to be made to the contract. Supervisor Pickard suggested that consideration be given to holding a workshop to obtain more information on the changes in the County’s responsibility for being the provider of the mental health program versus the contractor. Ayes: Stetson, Balmain, Bibby, Pickard; Excused: Parker.  

cc: Tom Guarino, County Counsel  
Ken Hawkins, Auditor  
File