RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-11

MEETING: January 8, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with Central Star Behavioral Health for Special Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an agreement with Central Star Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide inpatient services at the Merced Crisis Residential Unit (CRU); and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the agreement.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On December 5, 2017 by Resolution 2017-809, the Behavioral Health Unit of Mariposa County Health and Human Services received Board approval to participate in the utilization of one or more beds in a 16-bed regional Crisis Residential Unit (CRU) under construction in Merced through a California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) Grant. This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which services at the 16-bed regional Crisis Residential Unit (CRU) in Merced will be provided.

Central Star Behavioral Health (CSBH), Inc was selected to operate the Merced CRU and provide services on behalf of the Multi-County Consortium. CSBH will ensure scope of work for required services and compliance of laws are fulfilled.

The County does not operate psychiatric inpatient hospital facilities and therefore contracts for such placements. Multiple contracts are necessary to meet the potential need for mental health emergency services because beds are in short supply throughout California. If the County limits the number of contracts, there may come a time when someone is a danger to themselves or others and no bed space is available.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this agreement is not approved, Behavioral Health crisis response workers may have greater difficulty in placing clients who require emergency psychiatric hospitalization. In addition, Mariposa County Behavioral Health will not be in compliance with the multi-county consortium agreement and may run the risk of forfeiture of funds from CHFFA Grant that allowed for the purchase of the crisis response vehicle.
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FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract will be paid from the Behavioral Health 001-0402 budget unit using Realignment funds. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
CSBH Agreement 2019 CRU - Wcsignature (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey