RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-198

MEETING: April 16, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with Rebekah Children’s Services

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Rebekah Children’s Services to provide residential group home and mental health hospital diversion services in an amount not to exceed $100,000; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The County does not operate inpatient mental health rehabilitation facilities and therefore contracts for such placements. Multiple agreements 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 agreements, there would likely come a time that someone were in danger to themselves or others and no bed space would be available.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The current agreement for this facility was approved by the Board on June 12, 2018, by Resolution Number 2018-260.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this agreement is not approved, Behavioral Health crisis response workers may have greater difficulty in placing children who require emergency psychiatric hospitalization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract will continue to be paid within the Behavioral Health budget unit. The daily inpatient fee is $850 as stated in Exhibit A of the contract, plus any necessary mental health services to be authorized on a case by case basis. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Rebekah Children Agreement 2020 - Wcsignature (PDF)
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RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann
EXCUSED: Miles Menetry