RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-280

MEETING: May 28, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: First Amendment - Agreement with Benchmark Behavioral Health System

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a First Amendment with Benchmark Behavioral System, Inc. Increasing the Not-To-Exceed Amount by $20,000 for a New Not-to-Exceed Amount of $102,000; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Amendment.

Benchmark Behavioral System, Inc. provides a comprehensive scope of services for youth with severe behavioral issues. Benchmark provides a multi-disciplinary approach to quality care in a setting near Salt Lake City, Utah. Benchmark provides Individual, Group, and Family Therapy; Medical and Psychiatric Care; Psychological Testing; Nursing Care; Nutritional Services; Academics; Therapeutic Recreation; and Vocational Programs. Facilities that provide comprehensive care for youth with such serious needs are in very short supply. Staff conducted an extensive search for an appropriate placement with an opening and could not locate a suitable facility in California. The Child Welfare Services Unit and Mental Health programs has a need to continue placement in this type of facility.

This Amendment is needed because a client stayed longer than expected causing costs to overrun the original maximum.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors approved an agreement for Benchmark Behavioral Health System, Inc. on August 7, 2018 by Resolution 2018-385.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Health and Human Services utilizes this facility to serve youth with severe treatment needs. If this amendment is not approved, Mariposa County Behavioral Health will be unable to pay for the full duration of a client stay in this facility.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Funding for this contract is incorporated in the FY18/19 budget for the Behavioral Health budget unit 001-0402. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey