

DEPARTMENT: Human Services/BHRS

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize: (1) the Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mariposa County Office of Education which will release up to \$34,475 in federal money for severely emotionally disturbed children; and (2) authorize your Chairperson to sign the Memorandum.

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: \$		List attachments, numbered pages consecutively.
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.: 02452 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments:

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

CAO: *[Signature]*



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CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, MSW, DIRECTOR

September 25, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
Rick Benson, CAO
RE: Behavior Health / Permission to Accept Pass Through Federal Revenue for
Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children via the Mariposa County Office of
Education

Recommendation

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Background and Current Information

Revenue needed to pay for severely emotionally disturbed children has been problematic in California for the past two decades. More children have needed treatment than there was revenue to pay the service.

Children with severe emotional illness need to be referred to the department for assessment, case planning and treatment. On rare occasions, they even need in-patient treatment. These are costly services due to the level of counselor needed to address the magnitude of the problem. Those dollars available under AB 3632 were simply not near enough to meet state needs.

The State attempted to solve the fiscal problem by forwarding federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) money to the schools to pay for the share of cost that MediCal does not cover. This process worked very well last year and our staff worked with the School's personnel towards serving children and accounting for the money.

IDEA funds combine with \$31,500 in AB 3632 dollars to provide services to those children who are severely disturbed. Once students are identified as Emotionally Disturbed (ED), Behavioral Health is invited (by parents) to participate in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meeting with the special education department to establish what the mental health treatment plan will be. This IEP will include all mental health related services that the department is committed to provide.

Fiscal

This agreement will allow the Department access to \$34,475 in federal IDEA dollars. The exact amount will be based on the caseload and expenses.

The Schools will forward 50% of the IDEA funds by January 1, 2008; 75% of the funds by March 1, 2008. The remaining 25% will be forwarded, if needed, based on the number of cases and costs.