



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services



## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-260

MEETING: June 12, 2018  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director  
RE: Agreement with Rebekah Children's Services

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### 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 agreements 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 April 25, 2017, by Resolution Number 2017-232. The Board approved an amendment to the existing agreement on August 22, 2017, by Resolution Number 2017-574.

### 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's Services Agreement 2019 - Wcsignature (PDF)**

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**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

**AGREEMENT FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018 by and between the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, ("County"), and Rebekah Children's Services, ("Contractor"), pursuant to the following terms and conditions.

**WITNESSETH:**

**1. TERM**

The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2018 and terminate on June 30, 2019 unless extended as provided by this Agreement.

**2. SERVICES**

Contractor shall perform hospital services as described in Exhibit A, "Scope of Work," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor shall provide all staffing and materials necessary to perform the Scope of Work.

**3. COMPENSATION**

Contractor shall be compensated for services performed in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The Contractor's rates are listed in Exhibit B, "Cost Proposal." The County shall pay Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of an approved invoice.

**4. INSURANCE**

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

**A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE**

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

(1) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal and advertising injury with limits no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

(2) Automobile Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto, (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

(4) Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession, with limit no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County.

#### B. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provision:

(1) Additional Insured Status: The County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 forms if a later edition is used).

(2) Primary Coverage: For any claims related to this Agreement, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

(3) Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall state that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the County.

(4) Waiver of Subrogation: Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

(5) Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions: Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. The County may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.

(6) Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the County.

(7) Verification of Coverage: Contractor shall furnish the County with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

(8) Subcontractors: Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.

(9) Special Risks or Circumstances: County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

**5. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify County and its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from all acts or omissions Contractor or its officers, agents, or employees in rendering services under this Agreement; excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses arising from sole negligence or willful acts.

**6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

It is the expressed intention of the parties that Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee, agent, joint venturer or partner of County. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between County and Contractor or any employee or agent of Contractor. Both parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. Contractor shall retain the right to perform services for others during the term of this Agreement.

**7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)**

In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of the County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for CalPERS benefits on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

**8. STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES**

As Contractor is not County’s employee, Contractor is responsible for paying all required state and federal taxes. In particular:

- a. County will not withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor’s payments;
- b. County will not make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor;
- c. County will not withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor;
- d. County will not make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor;
- e. County will not obtain workers’ compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor.

**9. ASSIGNMENT**

It is understood and agreed that this Agreement contemplates personal performance by the Contractor and is based upon a determination of its unique personal competence and experience and upon its specialized personal knowledge. Assignments of any or all rights, duties or obligations of the Contractor under this Agreement will be permitted only with the express written consent of the County.

**10. NOTICE**

Any and all notices, reports or other communications to be given to County or Contractor shall be given to the persons representing the respective parties at the following addresses:

**CONTRACTOR:**  
 Rebekah Children’s Services  
 290 IOOF Ave  
 Gilroy, CA 95020

**COUNTY:**  
 County of Mariposa  
 5362 Lemee Lane  
 P.O. Box 99  
 Mariposa, CA 95338  
 Fax: (209) 742-0996

**11. COMPLIANCE**

Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinance and regulations applicable to Contractor’s performance under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, laws related to prevailing wages. Specifically, Contractor shall not engage in unlawful employment discrimination, including, but not limited to, discrimination based upon a person’s race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, citizenship or sexual orientation, as prohibited by state or federal law.

**12. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

Contractor is aware that this Agreement and any documents provided to the County may be subject to the California Public Records Act and may be disclosed to members of the public upon request. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to clearly identify information in those

documents that it considers to be confidential under the California Public Records Act. To the extent that the County agrees with that designation, such information will be held in confidence whenever possible. All other information will be considered public.

### **13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION**

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and representations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be modified by a written amendment hereto, executed by both parties; however, matters concerning the scope of services which do not affect the agreed price may be modified by mutual written consent of the Contractor and the County of Mariposa Human Services Department. If there are exhibits attached hereto, and a conflict exists between the terms of this Agreement and any exhibit, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

### **14. ENFORCEABILITY AND SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity or enforceability of any term or provisions of this Agreement shall not, unless otherwise specified, affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision, which shall remain in full force and effect.

### **15. TERMINATION AND RIGHTS UPON TERMINATION**

A. This Agreement may be terminated upon mutual written consent of the parties, or as a remedy available at law or in equity. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately be paid all fees earned as of the effective date of termination.

B. Either party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon 30 calendar days' written notice to the other party. Upon termination for convenience, Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for services performed acceptably up to the effective date of termination, as set forth in Exhibit B.

C. Should Contractor default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, County, at its option, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notification to Contractor. The termination date shall be the effective date of the notice. For the purposes of this subsection, default or material breach of this Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following: failure to perform required services in a timely manner, willful destruction of County property, dishonesty, or theft.

### **16. NO WAIVER**

The failure to exercise any right to enforce any remedy contained in this Agreement shall not operate as to be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of the exercise of such right or remedy, or of any other right or remedy herein contained.

## **17. DISPUTES**

Should it become necessary for a party to this Agreement to bring an action in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in any claim or action shall be entitled to reimbursement for all expenses so incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees.

It is agreed by the parties hereto that unless otherwise expressly waived by them, any action brought to enforce any of the provisions hereof or for declaratory relief hereunder shall be filed and remain in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Mariposa, State of California.

## **18. CAPTIONS**

The captions of this Agreement are for convenience in reference only and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

## **19. NUMBER AND GENDER**

In this Agreement, the neutral gender includes the feminine and masculine, the singular includes the plural, and the word "person" includes corporations, partnerships, firms or associations, wherever the context so requires.

## **20. MANDATORY AND PERMISSIVE**

"Shall" is mandatory. "May" is permissive.

## **21. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

All representations, covenants and warranties specifically set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

## **22. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously and in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

## **23. OTHER DOCUMENTS**

The parties agree that they shall cooperate in good faith to accomplish the object of this Agreement and, to that end, agree to execute and deliver such other and further instruments and documents as may be necessary and convenient to the fulfillment of these purposes.

## **24. CONTROLLING LAW**

The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled by and construed under the laws of the State of California.



## **25. AUTHORITY**

Each party and each party's signatory warrant and represent that each has full authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement in accordance with all requirements of law. The parties also warrant that any signed amendment or modification to the agreement shall comply with all requirements of law, including capacity and authority to amend or modify the Agreement.

## **26. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT**

This Agreement has been arrived at through negotiation between the parties. Neither party is to be deemed the party which prepared this Agreement within the meaning of California Civil Code section 1654. Each party represents and warrants that in executing this Agreement it does so with full knowledge of the rights and duties it may have with respect to the other party. Each party also warrants and represents that it has received independent legal advice from its attorney with respect to the matters set forth in this Agreement and the rights and duties arising out of this Agreement, or that such party willingly foregoes any such consultation.

## **27. NO RELIANCE ON REPRESENTATIONS**

Each party warrants and represents that it is not relying and has not relied upon any representation or statement made by the other party with respect to the facts involved or its rights or duties. Each party understands and agrees that the facts relevant, or believed to be relevant to this Agreement, have been independently verified. Each party further understands that it is responsible for verifying the representations of law or fact provided by the other party.

## **28. WARRANTY**

County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby warrants that all work shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and standards as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor's work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release.

## **29. FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

It is mutually agreed that if the County budget of the current fiscal year and/or any subsequent fiscal years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force and effect upon the day notice is provided by County to Contractor of such event. Upon termination of this Agreement, the County shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Contractor or to furnish any other considerations under this Agreement except for services rendered prior to such termination and Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Agreement. Contractor's assumption of risk of possible non-appropriation is part of the consideration for this Agreement. County budget decisions are subject to the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the County budget for purposes of this Agreement, the County shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the County, except County must reimburse Contractor for services rendered prior to

such reduction or modification of the County budget, or offer an Agreement amendment to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.

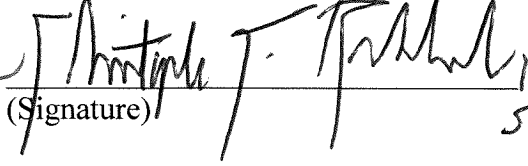
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

CONTRACTOR



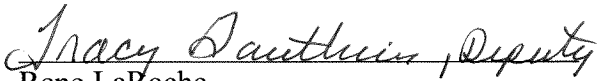
Rosemarie Smallcombe, Chair  
Board of Supervisors



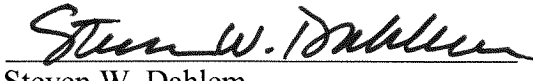
(Signature) CEB  
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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Rene LaRoche  
Clerk of the Board



Steven W. Dahlem  
County Counsel

## Exhibit A SCOPE OF WORK

The Hospital Diversion Program at Rebekah Children's Services (RCS) offers an alternative to traditional hospitalization, in a home-like setting, for children experiencing a wide range of psychiatric crises. We believe that children want to do well and succeed. Our goal is to teach children the skills they need so that they can succeed in their community.

Hospital diversion is family-oriented and strength-based. Upon admission our staff will meet with the child and family to identify the family's natural strengths and supports. Together, we will create an individualized Needs and Service Plan to meet the child's needs. Following admission, the therapist will work directly with the child and family to implement a child-centered, strength-based treatment plan. While staying with us at RCS, children and families will continue to actively participate in treatment, including participate in collaborative documentation and attending treatment team.

The care that children receive in Hospital Diversion will focus on stabilizing symptoms so that children can quickly return to their family and community.

In order to create a smooth and seamless transition home, discharge planning is begun upon admission. When children return home they will have a comprehensive Discharge Plan which will include follow-up mental health care and referrals to appropriate community resources to avoid further need for out-of-home placements.

In addition to Hospital Diversion, RCS will also provide group home services to the County and make mental health services available upon request. The Residential Group Home program provides therapeutic and healing structured out of home group home care that focuses on symptoms reduction as a means to improve functional impairments and problem severity.

### **Services and Personnel**

CONTRACTOR shall provide psychiatric inpatient services to COUNTY beneficiaries who are authorized for services by COUNTY.

Services shall be provided to beneficiaries of COUNTY in a manner prescribed by the laws of the State of California and in accordance with the rules and regulations of relevant Federal regulations.

All personnel rendering services shall be employed by or under contract with Contractor. They shall be members of Contractor inpatient professional staff. The services shall be provided under the direction of the Contractor Facility Director and shall meet appropriate professional standards.

### **Progress Notes and Discharge**

Contractor shall notify County of the proposed discharge date of all persons served under this Agreement.

In a timely manner and as mutually agreed upon, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to the COUNTY "Case Progress Summarization Notes" and a copy of the Discharge Summary for each

client including any mental health assessments and diagnosis. Prior to discharge, the CONTRACTOR shall contact the COUNTY's assigned Hospital Liaison by phone, secure email or secure fax for coordination and consultation purposes. Secure fax number is 209 742-0996 and phone is 209 966-2000. Client records shall include enough information for an evaluation of services provided.

**Protected Health Information (PHI)**

CONTRACTOR agrees to the extent required by 42 U.S.C. 1171 et seq., Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), to comply with applicable requirements of law and subsequent amendments relating to protected health information, as well as any task or activity contractor performs on behalf of County, to the extent County would be required to comply with such requirements.

CONTRACTOR will train all staff on policies and procedures regarding PHI as necessary and appropriate for them to carry out their functions. Only encrypted PHI as specified in the HIPAA Security Rule be disclosed via email. Unsecured PHI will not be disclosed via email.

Contractor will comply with all applicable laws pertaining to use and disclosure of PHI including but not limited to:

HIPAA / 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164

LPS / W&I Codes Sections 5328-5328.15

45 C.F.R. Part 2

HITECH Act 42. U.S.C. Section 17921 et. seq.

CMIA Ca Civil Code 56 through 56.37

Title 9, CCR Section 1810.370(a)(3)

**Security Breaches**

All security breaches will be reported immediately to the Quality Assurance unit and DHCS via phone, fax, or mail with in 48 hours.(as defined by the HITECH Act)

Exhibit B  
COST PROPOSAL

The Hospital Diversion Program rate for FY18-19 is **\$850 per client per day**. This rate may fluctuate up to 10% based on the state approved rate in effect on the date of service. The total cost is not to exceed \$100,000.