

DEPARTMENT: Human Services/Probation

BY: James A. Rydingsword  
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**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

It is respectfully requested that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors authorize the Human Services Department to begin implementation of the Wraparound Service Plan effective August 1, 2009. In previous action, the Board approved the submission of a Wraparound Services Plan for approval to the California Department of Social Services. In a letter dated July 15, 2009, the Mariposa County Wraparound Services Plan was approved by the State.

At this time we request that your Board: 1) authorize implementation of the Mariposa Wraparound Service program effective August 1, 2009; 2) allocate 1 full-time Social Worker IV, 1 permanent part-time Office Assistant II, 1 full-time Mental Health Assistant II and 1 full-time Deputy Probation Officer III. All allocations to be effective August 1, 2009.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

Please see attached memo.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Please see attached memo.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____	List Attachments, number pages consecutively	
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____	Pgs. 1-3 Board Memo	
Source:	Pgs. 4-38 Exhibit A Wraparound Plan	
Internal Transfer _____	Pg. 39 Exhibit B DSS Plan Approval Document	
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.: 09-422 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved  
Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

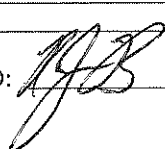
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
Comments:  
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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: 



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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### AMENDED MINUTE ORDER

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TO: JIM RYDINGSWORD, Human Services Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*

SUBJECT: Authorize the Human Services Department to Begin Implementation of the Wraparound Service Plan Effective August 1, 2009; Allocate One Full-time Social Worker IV, One Permanent Part-time Office Assistant II, One Full-time Mental Health Assistant II, and One Full-time Deputy Probation Officer III, all Positions to be Effective August 1, 2009

RESOLUTION 09-422

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 18, 2009

#### ACTION AND VOTE:

Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director;

A) Authorize the Human Services Department to Begin Implementation of the Wraparound Service Plan Effective August 1, 2009; Allocate One Full-time Social Worker IV, One Permanent Part-time Office Assistant II, One Full-time Mental Health Assistant II, and One Full-time Deputy Probation Officer III, all Positions to be Effective August 1, 2009

**BOARD ACTION:** Discussion was held with Jim Rydingsword and Gail Neal/Chief Probation Officer, relative to the wraparound service plan and implementation. Jim Rydingsword stated they hope to be fully staffed for the program in September. Supervisor Bibby asked that progress reports on the program be provided to the Board. (M)Cann, (S)Turpin, Res. 09-422 was adopted approving the requested actions, with direction for reports to be given to the Board every six months/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO  
Chris Ebie, Auditor  
Sandi Laird, Personnel  
File



**MARIPOSA COUNTY  
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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**JAMES A. RYDINGSWORD, DIRECTOR**

August 18, 2009

To: Members, Board of Supervisors  
Rick Benson, CAO  
From: Jim Rydingsword, Director Human Services  
Gail Neal, Chief Probation Officer

Re: Request for Permission to implement the Wraparound Service Plan.

**Recommendation:**

It is respectfully requested that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors authorize the Human Services Department to begin implementation of the Wraparound Service Plan effective August 1, 2009. In previous action, the Board approved the submission of a Wraparound Services Plan for approval to the California Department of Social Services. In a letter dated July 15, 2009, the Mariposa County Wraparound Services Plan was approved by the State. For your review we have attached a copy of the Mariposa County Wraparound Services Plan (Exhibit A) and a copy of the letter of approval from the California Department of Social Services (Exhibit B).

At this time we request that your Board: 1) authorize implementation of the Mariposa Wraparound Service program effective August 1, 2009; 2) allocate 1 full-time Social Worker IV, 1 permanent part-time Office Assistant II, 1 full-time Mental Health Assistant II and 1 full-time Deputy Probation Officer III. All allocations to be effective August 1, 2009.

There are also existing positions that will have partial funding from this budget. They are: 1) Social Worker Supervisor II 25%, 1) Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, 13%, Mental Health Clinicians, up to 25% total for all clinicians that will provide mental health services to Wraparound clients. The amount that is charged to the Wraparound budget will be based on the actual time each clinician spends working with these clients.

We would also plan to contract out some of these services to qualified community members. These services include: 1) Research and identification and recruitment of family members through the Family Search and Engagement part of the program, 2) Parent volunteers through a contract with a local community provider to be Family Partners to assist the families in working through issues that arise as they work the wraparound program. Family Partners are parents and other family members who have had experience with public agencies in children and family matters and who can assist the child and the family within and as a follow-up to the Wraparound Service process.

The Department is authorized by the California Department of Social Services to begin to implement Wraparound Services in Mariposa County effective August 1, 2009. Through UC Davis, we will also be providing initial training in Wraparound Services in Mariposa County on September 1 - 4, 2009. We plan to invite partner County Departments and advisory boards, affiliate community agencies, and other partners, such as foster parents and families to this training. The proposed training agenda is as follows:

1. September 1, 2009 –*Sustaining California Wraparound* for administrators, fiscal officers/agents and human resources
  - As leaders of agencies implementing Wraparound, you want to be prepared to fulfill the agency's commitment to sustaining Wraparound. This is an opportunity to understand Wraparound and the critical partners to making Wraparound a success and how you can support them. Topics will include:
    - Inspire and develop working partnerships essential to Wraparound
    - Understand the critical role of the referring workers, parent partners, and supervisors to the success of Wraparound
    - Anticipate and plan for Fiscal issues
    - Provide information and support
  - As a result, participants will be prepared to support and sustain Wraparound in their agencies.
  
2. September 2, 2009 –*Beginning Wraparound* for supervisors and line staff, providers, and community partners
  - California Wraparound is a successful process for meeting the needs of high need children and their families/ care providers. These children would otherwise be placed in high level congregate care outside of their families and often away from their communities and other supports. You will be prepared for your role in the Wraparound process and topics will include:
    - Understand the purpose and process of California Wraparound
    - Name essential elements that drive the Wraparound process
    - Define a family-driven process
    - Identify the phases and activities of Wraparound
    - Utilize the Wraparound Process User's Guide
  - As a result, participants will have an understanding of the Wraparound process.
  
3. September 3 and September 4, 2009 –*Beginning Wraparound* for line staff, providers, community partners and families
  - Direct staff from referring and provider agencies will build skills in the Wraparound process. With the assistance of parent guides, participants will have practice opportunities in the critical skills of Child and Family teams. Topics will include:
    - Practice facilitation and team-building
    - Recognize and list family strengths
    - Assist families in identifying, prioritizing and developing strategies for their needs
    - Assist the family in designing and documenting a Wraparound Individual Family Plan and a Safety/Crisis Plan.
  - Participants will be prepared to implement their role in the Wraparound process.

**Background:**

Wraparound Service, as defined in Welfare & Institutions Code (W&I Code) commencing with Section 18250(a), is intended "to provide children with service alternatives to group home care through the development of expanded family-based services programs." This statutory language states that wraparound service is an alternative to group home care – not simply a step-down

program. SB 163 programs, codified in Section 18250-18257 of the W&I Code, are very intensive services for children or adolescents in Child Welfare, Probation, and Mental Health systems that would otherwise be placed in high-level group homes at Rate Classification Level (RCL) Level 10 through 14 which can run as high as \$6,000 per month. SB 163 makes the funds that otherwise would have been used for group home placement available instead for intensive Wraparound service as an alternative to the group home placement.

Wraparound Services are based on the premise that the state and county share of the nonfederal reimbursement for group home placement will be used to support Wraparound Service as an alternative to group home placement in a manner that is cost neutral to the state and to the county, i.e., it would cost the state and the county no more to provide intensive Wraparound Services than they otherwise would have spent for group home placement for the same child.

If, in the provision of providing Wraparound Services, there are program dollar savings, these savings are deposited into a Children and Family Service Reinvestment Fund and, in the future, these funds can be utilized for other services for children and families. It is our plan to utilize existing groups, such as the newly formed Mariposa County Blue Ribbon Commission, the Mariposa County Mental Health Board, and the Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, in a community stakeholder process to assist in reviewing future needs for children and families that could be met through a reinvestment of Wraparound Services program dollar savings. This reinvestment fund has been included in the requested budget for fiscal year 2009/2010 as Fund 422 WRAP. Any necessary funding adjustments will be requested as final budget adjustments during final budget hearings.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Wraparound Service is cost neutral to the State and to Mariposa County in that it utilizes existing Foster Care funds that would have been used for high-level group home rates to pay for alternative service in the local community. Fund 422 has already been established by the county auditor and is included in the requested budget. Start up funding of \$32,000 will be transferred from Social Services realignment fund 394 upon approval of this request. The realignment fund 394 represents the county share of foster care payments. There is no negative impact on current Budget resources and on the County General Fund