

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

BY: James A. Rydingsword
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan.
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- (4) Authorize the Human Services Director to implement the activities within the MHSA - WET Plan upon DMH approval.
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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please see attached.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Please see attached.

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: \$		Board Memo pgs. 1-2
Source:		MOU pgs. 3-4
Internal Transfer		WET Plan pgs. 5-29
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. 09-444 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____

Approved
 Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments:

CAO: [Signature]



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JAMES A. RYDINGSWORD, DIRECTOR

September 8, 2009

To: Members; Board of Supervisors
Richard Benson, CAO
From: James A. Rydingsword
RE: Public Hearing and Approval of the Mental Health Services - Act Workforce Education and Training (MHSA - WET) Plan

Recommendation

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Background

The State Department of Mental Health, under the Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63) makes available to Counties non-competitive funds under certain categories. The purpose of the Workforce Education and Training (WET) funds are to increase the capacity of the public mental health system to provide quality and sufficient services within the community, following the core standards of the Act. These one-time dollars in the amount of \$450,000 must be spent within a 10-year period.

Since April of 2009, Mariposa County's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Unit has been conducting a needs assessment (surrounding current staff and gaps in services) and a community stakeholders process to determine how to best address the unmet needs in our public mental health system. Several community stakeholders meetings, multiple planning meetings, and solicitation of feedback electronically, have been undertaken to ensure ample community input into this process. As a result, we are proposing the following five actions under the MHSA WET Plan, which will take place over a 3-year period:

- WET Coordinator: Allocate .25 WET Coordinator duties to current staff to implement actions and ensure employees and partners within the public mental health system have access to training opportunities.
- Regional Occupational Program – Human Services: Offer a class to high school students at Mariposa County Unified High School to introduce them to mental health related careers and provide opportunities for service learning within the field.

- Mental Health Career "Pathways Program": Provide a program for recruitment, assessment, training and placement for community members interested in careers within the public mental health system. This program will have a special focus on recruiting individuals with lived experience and family members of individuals with mental illnesses.
- Provider Recruitment Incentive: Offer one or multiple incentives for private counselors (LCSWs) willing to set up private practices and accept MCBHRS referrals.

Justification for all of these activities, as well as a corresponding budget, is provided within the attached WET Plan. In addition to the obvious benefits of increasing our capacity and quality of services, this Plan aims to create multiple part-time job opportunities within the Department and the community (WET Coordinator, ROP teacher, stipend placements within Pathways Program, Mother Lode Job Training counselor, psychiatrist, and private counselors), which we hope will help stimulate the economy.

We are currently requesting approval to submit the MHSA - WET Plan for Department of Mental Health approval.

Financial

If approved, this Plan will bring \$450,000 in State revenue into Mariposa County. These funds are included in the requested budget, Fund 410, for fiscal year 2009-2010. There is sufficient fund balance for the advance that is part of the requested budget, to allow the school district to begin the ROP program. No cash match is required. There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

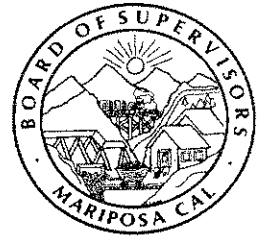


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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JIM RYDINGSWORD, Human Services Director

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

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan; Approve Submission of the MHSA – WET Plan in the Amount of \$450,000; Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement with the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) with Regards to the WET Plan; Authorize the Human Services Director to Implement the Activities within the MHSA – WET Plan Upon DMH Approval; Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mariposa Unified School District for Administration of a Mental Health R. O. P. Program and Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the MOU; and Advance the Schools \$19,000 to Hire Staff for the Program

RESOLUTION 09-444

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 8, 2009

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:00 a.m. Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director;

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BOARD ACTION: Jim Rydingsword presented the staff report and noted that the Chair should be authorized to sign the MOU. Board members commented on the benefits of the ROP programs and expressed appreciation for Human Services work on this program.

The public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:

Eleanor Keuning provided input on the value of ROP programs and noted that they are open to adult students as well. Jim Rydingsword responded that they have a pathways program for adult members of the community and they are working with Mother Lode Job Training.

Troy Foster expressed concern with continued funding for the program given the past history of the State funding programs and then taking the funding away. Jim Rydingsword responded relative to the funding issues.

Peter Schimmelfennig provided input on his experience and the benefits of the ROP programs.

Ruth Catalan, speaking as a citizen and noted she is Chair of the Mental Health Board, stated she supports the Human Services Director in all of his endeavors and thanked him for following up on requests from the Mental Health Board.

The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Staff responded to a question from the Board and advised that there is not impact on the County's General Fund for this program. (M)Bibby, (S)Cann, Res. 09-444 was adopted approving the recommended actions, with a change to authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the agreement and the MOU/Ayes: Unanimous. The hearing was closed.

Cc: Chris Ebie, Auditor
File