To: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
From: Nancy O'Hara, Director of Health & Human Services  
Department: Health & Human Services  
Subject: Approval to ratify initial Memorandum of Understanding and approve first amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Yuba County Probation and Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health for Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program Services for California Wildfire Victims for the period October 11, 2017 through January 31, 2019

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors ratify the signature of the Health and Human Services Director, Nancy O’Hara, on the initial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and approve the First Amendment to the MOU between Yuba County Probation, Victim Services Program (VSP) and Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health (SYBH) to provide crisis intervention services to Yuba County Residents affected by the 2017 California Wildfires.

Background: On May 22, 2018 Yuba County Probation VSP and SYBH entered into an MOU that provides for the coordination and provision of crisis counseling services to Yuba County residents impacted by the 2017 Cascade Fire. The provision of services is intended to provide individual and family mental health support as well as crisis intervention services to provide solutions that lead back toward regaining normalcy for the disaster victims. The initial MOU included a maximum fiscal amount for services of $122,291.69 and covered the period from October 11, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

In October 2018, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released an announcement regarding an additional funding opportunity from DHCS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the continuation of crisis intervention services to Cascade Fire victims. This Amendment to the MOU increases funding to $548,517.36 and extends the term of the agreement through January 31, 2019.

Prior Board Action: Review and approval of the Initial MOU by this Board was inadvertently overlooked when the initial MOU was approved by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on May 22, 2018.

Board Alternatives: The Board could reject this Amendment to the MOU which would leave those affected by the Cascade fire with a significantly lower level of service and support. This alternative is not recommended.

Other Department and/or Agency Involvement: Yuba County Counsel and Sutter County Counsel have reviewed this First Amendment to the MOU. The Yuba County Board of Supervisors will need to approve the First Amendment to the MOU.
**Action Following Approval:** The Chairman and Health and Human Services Director will sign the First Amendment to the MOU.

**Fiscal Impact:** Approval of this Amendment to the MOU will have no impact on the County General Fund. The funding source for this Amendment to the MOU will be provided from the FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP). These funds support the Regular Services Program and provide for ongoing services for an additional four (4) months beyond the original program termination date.

**Countywide Goals and/or Top Priorities Compliance:** This item helps to address Countywide Goal D: Provide responsible and cost-effective social services (with measurable results) to an increasingly diverse and complex society.

**Standing Committee Review:** This item was reviewed by the Health and Welfare Committee on March 5, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Nancy O'Hara
Director of Health & Human Services

**Attachments:**
1. Yuba Co. VSP-SYBH CCP Cascade Fire MOU 2017-19 First Amend
2. Yuba Co. VSP-SYBH CCP Cascade Fire MOU 2017-18