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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2019
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Phebe Bell**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Victor Community Support Services, Inc. for the provision of Wraparound and Therapeutic Behavior Services (TBS) in the maximum amount of \$1,669,841 for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) monies (made available to Nevada County from the State), 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds, and State and Local SB 163 Program funding. The services were included in the FY 2019/20 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Under this Agreement, the Contractor will continue to provide MHSA program services for children and youth including Wraparound Services and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)

The target population for the program is children and youth (and their families) who are: seriously emotionally disturbed or seriously mentally ill and at risk or involved in the juvenile justice system, who are likely to benefit from intensive community-based treatment; at risk of psychiatric hospitalization, homelessness, academically failing or special education students within the program. The Contractor shall provide Wraparound services as a Full Service Partnership consistent with Nevada County's approved MHSA Community Services and Supports Plan. Wraparound includes treatment services, personal support services, and any other support necessary to maintain the child/youth in the family home or at the lowest level of appropriate care. This program began in 2007-08 and has been successful in meeting EPSDT/Medi-Cal funding

targets since that time. Therapeutic Behavior Services (TBS) are mental health services for youth who have severe emotional problems, and are currently placed in residential treatment or are at risk of such placement, or have been hospitalized recently for mental health problems. TBS helps to effect change in targeted behaviors and achieve short-term goals through one to one contact between a mental health provider and a beneficiary for a specified short period. The goal of TBS is to prevent residential placement or psychiatric hospitalization, or to enable transition from those institutions to a lower level of care.

Program services will include:

- An assessment and completion of a coordinated care plan (CCP) for each participating youth;
- A complete range of mental health services, consisting of psychiatric evaluation, medication support, individual and group therapy, family therapy, case management and collateral services;
- Rehabilitation services with as needed assistance with daily living, education and training and skill development;
- Establishment of quantifiable treatment/services goals and treatment objectives;
- Coordination of care and collaboration of with criminal justice, mental health, public health substance abuse providers, attorneys, courts, schools, social services and other agencies or providers that may be involved with the juvenile's treatment and recovery needs.

The Contractor also serves SB 163 target population clientele. This program serves youth and families in Nevada County, who are currently placed or at-risk for placement in a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) and who meet the other defined eligibility criteria.

It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement as it addresses the real life needs of juveniles with mental illness, increases consumer and family participation, and advances a coordinated care structure to help reduce the need for out of home placements.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Director of Behavioral Health