



NEVADA COUNTY

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
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DATE OF MEETING: July 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting a Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) in the maximum amount of \$750,000 to increase capacity of Nevada County's treatment options for mentally ill youthful offenders during the period beginning 7/1/2015 and ending 6/30/2018.


RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: BSCC State grant funds in amounts of: Year 1: \$260,000; Year 2: \$245,000; Year 3: \$245,000 impacting Fiscal Years 2015-2018. A 25% match is required and will be met through non-state funded Probation Administration and Probation staff time expended towards case management of the benefiting population.

BACKGROUND: In April 2015 the department applied under a new State grant opportunity to expand treatment capacity and access for youthful offenders suffering from mental illness. The Grant will be used to develop the Strengths, Opportunities and Recidivism Reduction Program (SOARR). SOARR is a response to our community's need to provide a more comprehensive and holistic approach to addressing the mental health needs of juvenile offenders. This program fits seamlessly into Nevada County's overall strategy of providing wraparound services to our most mentally ill youth and their families and to those youth most at risk of an out of home placement such as hospitalization, incarceration, or congregate care. It will also expand access by making services available in the eastern portion of the county where access has been limited historically.

Program and provider effectiveness will be tracked through a variety of performance measures and tools. As a part of continuing quality improvement the data collected will be reviewed and evaluated on a regular basis. This review may result in program modifications to ensure the best possible outcomes.

The proposal was collaboratively developed by a robust cross-section of community stakeholders. Support for the process and the proposal was overwhelming. The community involved is excited to start this process so that we can realize measurable results.

Sincerely,

Michael Ertola
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