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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 13, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution executing an agreement with Inyo County to house certain juvenile wards in the Nevada County Carl F. Bryan II Juvenile Hall facility.

RECOMMENDATION: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors approves the resolution.

FUNDING: Not Applicable

BACKGROUND: California County Probation Departments need to place certain juvenile wards into detention facilities for court ordered commitments. Several nearby counties including Amador, Calaveras, Plumas, Sierra and Inyo County, lack means to detain juveniles within their own county jurisdictions. These counties have expressed desire to utilize Nevada County's Juvenile Hall capacity and programming services to fulfill needs for longer term commitments.

Statistical evidence shows Nevada County Juvenile Hall practices and evidence based rehabilitative programs are effective in reducing recidivism and negative behavioral incidents. Juvenile Hall programs include mental health services, anger control and management; transitioning back to home, drug and alcohol education, gender based social support and self-perception programming, life skills classes and spiritual counseling. Nevada County Juvenile Hall Group Supervisors also function as case coordinators. Each minor is assigned a case coordinator who represents a consistent adult relationship and advocate throughout duration of commitment.

Consistent and effective application of programming detailed above has reduced the average number of Nevada County minors in Juvenile Hall over the past several years. In FY 2010-2011, the average population was 20 and fell to 17 and 15 in FY 2011-2012 and FY 2012-2013 respectively. In FY 2015-2016 the average population of Nevada County youth was four. Implementation of evidence based practices by both Juvenile Hall staff and Probation Officers has resulted in available capacity to accommodate placements for other county minors. Probation's ability to negotiate and enter into leased bed contracts with other counties is mutually beneficial. Nevada County is able to leverage excess capacity and increase efficiency while contract counties are able to benefit from potentially rehabilitated minors.

This agreement, currently before the Board of Supervisors, includes a clause addressing Nevada County's compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). PREA language was not included in an earlier agreement with Inyo County. (Resolution 16-405).

Item Initiated by: Angelina Coffey, Administrative Assistant
Approved by: Michael Ertola, Chief Probation Officer

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