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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** September 24, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael Ertola  
Probation Department

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving an agreement with Calaveras County to house certain juvenile wards in the Nevada County Carl F. Bryan II Youth Center (Nevada County Juvenile Detention Facility) and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve 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, Plumas, Sierra, Inyo, El Dorado, Lassen and Calaveras Counties, lack sufficient means to detain juveniles within their own county jurisdictions. These counties have expressed desire to utilize Nevada County's Youth Center capacity and programming services to fulfill needs for longer term commitments.

Statistical evidence shows Nevada County Youth Center practices and evidence based rehabilitative programs are effective in reducing recidivism and negative behavioral incidents. Youth Center 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 Youth Center 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.

Implementation of evidence based practices by both Youth Center 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.

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

Submittal Date: September 6, 2019