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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Bright Futures for Youth for services related to Homeless Outreach, Access and Linkage to Treatment Services as a component of the County's Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Plan in the maximum amount of \$92,103 for the contract term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded with MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) monies made available to Behavioral Health. Services are with the Department's budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the contract.

BACKGROUND: Under this contract, Bright Futures for Youth offers case management services to youth ages 12 through 25 who are experiencing homelessness. Bright Futures for Youth was founded in summer 2020, through the merger of The Friendship Club/ SAFE and NEO with the mission of "to ignite the potential of youth today for vibrant communities tomorrow." Under this contract, Bright Futures for Youth will employ a program manager for oversight and coordination of its SAFE Program, (Stability, Access, Foundation, Empowerment). The SAFE program was developed to help youth 12-25 years of age experiencing homelessness receive educational, social, and emotional support as they transition into adulthood. The SAFE program provides these youth with much needed support and guidance towards self-sufficiency by applying Bright Future for Youth's core values and emphasizing key impact areas for whole person development including health and wellness, healthy relationships, goal setting, self-awareness, self-sufficiency, and community connectedness.

Services under this contract are to provide programming to meet unmet needs of transitional age youth in our community as a component of the County's MHSA Prevention and Early

Intervention (PEI) Plan.

Services in this contract include solutions focused strengths-based case management, motivational interviewing, positive youth development, referrals to mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and other services, and support with housing for young adults aged 12-25 who are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as services address unmet needs and improve access to mental health care and housing for young adults experiencing homelessness.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director