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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Agreement between Nevada County Behavioral Health Department and Nevada County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) for Fiscal Year 2020/21 pertaining to the delivery of Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) for students in western Nevada County schools who are identified as having a mental health need.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are mandated and are supported by state funds received by the schools which in turn can be used to reimburse Behavioral Health for necessary services. There is no maximum specified in the Agreement as it is unknown until after the types and amount of needed services during the year have been delivered. There are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires a school district to provide a “free appropriate public education” (FAPE) to each qualified person with a disability who is in the school district’s jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the person’s disability. Every student who receives special education has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), designed to meet his or her unique educational needs. If, through the assessment process a child’s IEP identifies the need for mental health services, these are to be provided free of charge to the student.

The mental health services that may be provided include assessment, plan development, individual, collateral, group and family therapy. The Agreement with SELPA serves as the supporting document to outline responsibilities and the financial arrangement between Nevada County SELPA and Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, consistent with current statutes for providing the required mental health services to eligible children.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal Agreement as it represents collaborative efforts to ensure the provision of educationally related mental health services to students with disabilities, and the revenue received helps to support the Department's continuation of services.

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