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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Thomas Milam MD, Inc. d/b/a Iris Telehealth Medical Group services including providing a licensed clinician, to provide needed mental health, intellectual disabilities, and substance abuse services in the maximum amount of \$200,000 for the contract term of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds and 1991 Realignment. These services are included in the Department's budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: Children's Behavioral Health regularly sees an increase in demand for services in the fall and spring that often exceeds staff capacity. With current workforce shortages, extended recruitment times have led to extensive vacancies and increased service capacity issues. This contract will allow flexible capacity to meet public service demands above what the current workforce can provide.

This contract with Thomas Milam, MD. Inc D/B/A Iris Telehealth Medical Group for teletherapy services will allow the Behavioral Health Department to access additional Telehealth Therapists and Psychiatrists to help meet the need to provide these State mandated services to our clients. This contract allows the Behavioral Health department to access licensed Psychiatrists, Therapists and other qualified mental health professionals to service our clients' needs.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal contract as it allows for the provision of essential, mandated services to eligible children and youth in Nevada County who require Specialty Mental Health Services for moderate to severe mental health disorders.

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