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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2019
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution approving an agreement with Lassen County to house certain juvenile wards in the Nevada County Carl F. Bryan II Juvenile Hall (Nevada County Juvenile Detention Facility) and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution.

FUNDING: This is a revenue agreement that impacts the Juvenile Hall budget unit. Lassen County will be charged at the rate of \$100 per bed day for each juvenile ward detained in the Nevada County Juvenile Detention Facility. There is no budget amendment needed at this time.

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 and El Dorado Counties, lack means to detain juveniles within their own county jurisdictions. Lassen County Board of Supervisors recently approved the closure of their detention facility and is in need of placing their youth with another facility. 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.

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.

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

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