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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Environmental Alternatives for the provision of specialized mental health services to Nevada County youth who have been placed in their residential treatment settings in the maximum amount of \$90,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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 Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: Environmental Alternatives provides twenty-four-hour residential care for eligible Nevada County adolescents and young adults between the ages of thirteen through twenty-one. When youth are placed in this setting, typically by Child Welfare Services or Probation, Nevada County Behavioral Health Department is responsible for ensuring that youth receive necessary behavioral health treatment. This contract allows Environmental Alternatives to design therapeutic treatment plans for individuals and assures that all needed services are provided.

The goal of these services is to reduce psychiatric hospitalizations, reduce inappropriate behavior to a level that the individual can return home or to the least restrictive level of care, to improve targeted behaviors and connection to the community, reduce involvement with the Juvenile Justice System, and promote reintegration with the family, public school, and the community.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as these are vital, mandated services.

Approved by: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director