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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Rebecca Slade**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Victor Community Support Services, Inc. for the provision of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Children's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Wraparound and Therapeutic Behavior Services (TBS) in the maximum amount of \$1,590,325 for the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) monies (made available to Nevada County from the State), 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds, and State and Local SB 163 Program funding. Senate Bill (SB) 163 or the California Wraparound Program allows the County flexible use of State foster care and local realignment dollars to provide eligible youth with family-based service alternatives to group home care, instead of paying for a youth to reside in a group home, often located out of Nevada County. State and local funding provides an equivalent amount to pay for Wraparound services to keep the youth at home. The services were included in the FY 2017/18 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Under this Agreement, the Contractor will continue to provide MHSA program services for children and youth as well as Wraparound Services.

The target population for the program is children and youth (and their families) who are: emotionally disturbed and involved in the juvenile justice system, who are likely to benefit from intensive community-based treatment; at risk of psychiatric hospitalization, homelessness,

academically failing or special education students within the program. The Contractor shall provide an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) approach to services, connecting the services of psychotherapists, a psychiatrist, a peer specialist, a substance abuse counselor, and director and clinical supervisors in the treatment services. This program began in 2007-08 and has been successful in meeting EPSDT/Medi-Cal funding targets since that time.

Program services will include:

- ❖ An assessment and completion of a coordinated care plan (CCP) for each participating youth;
- ❖ A complete range of mental health services, consisting of psychiatric evaluation, medication support, individual and group therapy, family therapy, case management and collateral services;
- ❖ Rehabilitation services with as needed assistance with daily living, education and training and skill development;
- ❖ Establishment of quantifiable treatment/services goals and treatment objectives;
- ❖ Coordination of care and collaboration of with criminal justice, mental health, public health substance abuse providers, attorneys, courts, schools, social services and other agencies or providers that may be involved with the juvenile's treatment and recovery needs.

The Contractor also serves SB 163 target population clientele. This program serves youth and families in Nevada County, who are currently placed or at-risk for placement in a group home licensed at Rate Classification Level (RCL) 12-14, and who meet the other defined eligibility criteria.

It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement as it addresses the real life needs of juveniles with mental illness, increases consumer and family participation, and advances a coordinated care structure to help reduce the need for out of home placements.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rebecca Slade, MFT, Director of Behavioral Health