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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell, MSW**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No.1 to the Personal Services Contract with Charis Youth Center for the provision of specialized mental health residential treatment services for seriously emotionally disturbed youth and young adults increasing the maximum Contract Amount to \$300,000 (an increase of \$250,000), revising Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to reflect additional services provided, and revising Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum Contract price.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds, 1991 Realignment and funds made available through a county participative agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Joint Powers Authority. These services are included in the Department's FY 18/19 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Charis Youth Center provides 24-hour residential care for eligible Nevada County adolescents and young adults between the ages of 13-21 who are diagnosed as severely emotionally

disturbed (SED). Charis Youth Center provides a safe, caring and highly structured environment, individually designed therapeutic treatment plans, and individually designed academic and vocational education instruction through Contractor's non-public Charis Youth Center School.

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.

In years past, Nevada County has been responsible only for children we placed at Charis. In July of 2018 AB 1299 went into effect which allows other counties who place children in our county to transfer responsibility for their care to our county. This transfer includes financial responsibility for the cost of their care. In recent months significantly more children who are placed at Charis are being transferred to our care resulting in increasing costs. This contract amendment will allow us to meet that growing demand for care.

Under the proposed Amendment No. 1, the Parties desire increase the total amount of the Contract to \$300,000 (an increase of \$250,000), as reflected in the revised Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges to reflect the incorporation of additional services provided, as more fully set forth in the revised Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services.

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

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