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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2022
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Phebe Bell**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment 01 to Agreement Number 21MHSOAC026 with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to increase the maximum amount to \$3,174,050 (an increase of \$674,602), extend the contract term to December 31, 2026 and revise Exhibits A and B to reflect expansion of grant-funded behavioral health services into middle schools. (RES 21-388)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The funding is from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). Nevada County Behavioral Health has been awarded an additional \$674,602 in grant funding, increasing the maximum award from \$2,499,448 to \$3,174,050 to partner with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS) to expand mental health services for youth. This grant award will support staff time, contract development, and the related program's expenses. There are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: On August 24, 2022, per Resolution 21-388, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of Agreement Number 21MHSOAC026 with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) for the application of the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) to establish additional mental health partnerships between county behavioral health departments and local education entities. MHSSA grants must provide support services that include, at a minimum, services provided on school campuses, suicide prevention services, drop-out prevention services, placement assistance and service plan for students in need of ongoing services, and outreach to high-risk youth, including foster youth, youth who identify as LGBTQ, and youth who have been expelled or suspended from school.

Nevada County Behavioral Health (NCBH) partners with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to expand mental health services for elementary school students in Nevada County. Specifically, the grant

funds 8 Registered Behavioral Technicians who will provide in-classroom behavioral support, as well as 2 Board Certified Behavioral Analysts to provide more advanced clinical support and supervision. This staff supports the following elementary schools: Bell Hill Academy Elementary School, Scotten Elementary School, Deer Creek Elementary School, Williams Ranch Elementary School, Ready Springs Elementary School, Alta Sierra Elementary School, Cottage Hill Elementary School, and Grizzly Hill Elementary School. Additionally, this grant provides funding for Nevada County Children's Behavioral Health staff to collaborate with school mental health and behavioral support staff, providing clinical and referral consultation.

NCBH recently applied for and was awarded an additional \$674,602 to expand its MHSSA grant programming into middle schools. In addition to the elementary schools served, the grant funded program will target three middle schools and one charter school to include: Magnolia Intermediate school, Seven Hills Middle School, Lyman Gilmore Middle School, and Yuba River Charter School. NCSOS will hire an additional Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) to provide services across all four schools, as well as hire four part time Registered Behavioral Technicians to be located at each school site. In addition to these staff, NCSOS will hire a Lead BCBA position to supervise the CBAs, provide consistency in programming across all schools and districts, as well as report on grant required data collection. The Lead BCBA position will be effective as of July 15, 2022. The other positions to include one BCBA and four part time RBTs will be effective upon execution of the contract with MHSOAC.

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