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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Erin Mettler**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Children's Medical Services (CMS) Plan and the Interagency Agreement with the State Department of Health Care Services, Children's Medical Services Branch to receive Nevada County's allotment of the California Children's Services (CCS) Program funds for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These are mandated, ongoing department services. Funding sources include federal, state and realignment monies. The plan's projected total state and federal Title XIX funding for California Children's Services 2022/2023 is \$384,593. Services were budgeted in the department's FY 2022/2023 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: The Children's Medical Services (CMS) Plan and the Interagency Agreement demonstrate collaboration and official linkages to services for children who are eligible for services within CMS programs, including California Children's Services (CCS). The County's FY 2022/2023 Plan is reviewed and approved by State Department of Health Care Services, Children's Medical Services Branch.

Required components of this program are legislatively mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 16501.3 (a) through (e). Included elements in the program are:

- Collecting health information and other relevant data on each foster child as available, receiving all collected information to determine appropriate referrals and services, and expediting referrals to providers in the community for early intervention services, specialty services, dental care, mental health services, and other health-related services required by the child.
- Participating in medical care planning and coordinating for the child. This may include, but is not limited to, assisting case workers in arranging for comprehensive

health and mental health assessments, interpreting the results of health assessments or evaluations for the purpose of case planning and coordination, facilitating the acquisition of any necessary court authorizations for procedures or medications, advocating for the health care needs of the child and ensuring the creation of linkage among various providers of care.

- Providing follow-up contact to assess the child's progress in meeting treatment goals.
- Monitoring of psychotropic medications.

CCS: California Children's Services is a statewide program that treats children with certain physical limitations and chronic health conditions/diseases. CCS can authorize and pay for specific medical services and equipment provided by CCS-approved specialists. CCS provides specialty medical treatment, equipment and/or therapy for children up to 21 years of age with medical conditions that are potentially physically disabling. CCS serves children with family incomes up to \$40,000.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Erin Mettler, MA, Interim Public Health Director