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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** January 14, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the Personal Service Contract with Gateway Mountain Center for the provision of specialty mental health services primarily targeted for emotionally disturbed youth to amend Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to include additional reporting and training requirements pertaining to mandated reporting of child and dependent adult abuse/neglect, incident/complaint and investigation reporting requirements and procedures, and background check procedures on employees and others having contact with youth under the Agreement for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (RES. 19-470)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) monies and 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds. This amendment has no fiscal impact. Services are within the Department's FY 2019/20 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

Per Resolution No. 19-470, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved a renewal contract with Gateway Mountain Center for the provision of specialty mental health services primarily targeted for emotionally disturbed youth. Gateway Mountain Center operates nature-based adventure and therapeutic programs in Eastern and Western Nevada County. Their team consists of individuals with extensive experience in mentoring, outdoor adventure leadership, counseling, addiction treatment, public and private education, and holistic-based therapies.

Gateway Mountain Center's *Whole Hearts, Minds, and Bodies* Program is a nature-based therapeutic mentoring program for youth who are receiving services related to mental health, including behavioral and/or substance abuse issues. Youth are observed and supported by adult mentors as they connect to nature, participate in adventure based activities, explore their individual passions, meet challenges, learn how to make healthy decisions, and experience success that can be translated into everyday life.

These services will emphasize strategies to reduce negative outcomes that may result from untreated mental illnesses including suicide, incarceration, school failure or dropout, unemployment, prolonged suffering, violent outbursts, homelessness, and removal of children from their homes.

The purpose of this amendment is to include additional provisions that (1) specify mandated reporting roles and responsibilities on behalf of the Contractor and its employees, (2) outlines Contractor's notification requirements to County pertaining to incidents involving County-referred clients, including any investigations or lawsuits against Contractor, and (3) detail specific background checks and hiring procedures on those individuals having contact with clients.

It is recommended the Board approve this Amendment as this additional language will clarify the expectations of the Contractor regarding hiring, reporting of potential incidents of abuse or neglect, and communication with the County.

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