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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 10, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting funds from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the Mental Health Student Services Act grant in the category of Marginalized and Vulnerable Youth for December 10, 2024 through December 31, 2027 in the maximum amount of \$500,000 and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2024/25 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

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 \$500,000 and will partner with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to expand the current MHSSA program to specifically serve Foster Youth within Nevada County schools. A budget amendment is required and included in this resolution. There are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) is 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 will partner with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to expand on-campus behavioral services specifically for Foster Youth. Foster Youth face a number of challenges in school that affect their academic and personal success including home instability, emotional and behavioral issues, difficulty accessing resources, low self-esteem, and lack of a solid support system. These challenges highlight the need to provide Foster Youth with targeted support and resources to help them succeed academically, socially, and in their

mental health. The expansion of the MHSSA program to support Foster Youth will specifically target those youth and provide them with on campus behavioral support with Board Certified Behavioral Analysts (BCBAs), as well as support Foster Youth in recreational and social activities aimed at improving their social skills, sense of belonging, and self-esteem.

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