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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the execution of Amendment A.1 to the agreement with the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the Behavioral Health Student Services Act grant in the category of Marginalized and Vulnerable Youth in the amount of \$500,000 to revise Exhibit "A", Schedule of Services and Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the renaming of the Commission, to extend the contract termination date from December 31, 2027 to March 31, 2028, and to update reporting due dates to align with the term extension. (RES. 24-619)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING The funding is from the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC). Nevada County Behavioral Health has been awarded \$500,000 and will partner with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to expand the current Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA) 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: On December 10, 2024, per Resolution 24-619, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of agreement 24MHSOAC032 and accepted funds from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the Mental Health Student Services Act in the category of Marginalized and Vulnerable Youth in the maximum amount of \$500,000.

The purpose of the BHSSA is to establish additional mental health partnerships between county behavioral health departments and local education entities. BHSSA 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 BHSSA 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.

The proposed Amendment No.1 to the agreement extends the contract termination date from December 31, 2027, to March 31, 2028, update reporting due dates to reflect this change, as well as reflects the renaming of the Commission. This amendment is necessary because the original contract was executed at the end of the first quarter of the first grant year, reducing the available implementation period. This extension provides for an additional three months to fully utilize grant funds and support the sustainability of the BHSSA program in Nevada County Schools. The amendment will take effect upon full execution of the contract.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve this Amendment A.1 extending the contract end date to fully expend the funding and providing mental health support to Foster Youth in Nevada County.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director