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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Bright Futures for Youth for services related to Homeless Outreach, Access and Linkage to Treatment Services as a component of the County's Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Plan in the maximum amount of \$171,947 for the contract term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded with BHSA (Behavioral Health Services Act) Early Intervention (EI) monies made available to Behavioral Health. Services are included in the Department's FY 26/27 budget proposal. There are no county general fund dollars required in the contract.

BACKGROUND: Under this contract, Bright Futures for Youth offers case management services to youth ages 12 through 25 who are experiencing homelessness. Bright Futures for Youth was founded in summer 2020, through the merger of The Friendship Club/SAFE and NEO with the mission of "to ignite the potential of youth today for vibrant communities tomorrow." Under this contract, Bright Futures for Youth will employ a program manager for oversight and coordination of its SAFE Program, (Stability, Access, Foundation, Empowerment). The SAFE program was developed to help youth 12-25 years of age experiencing homelessness receive stabilizing support as they transition into adulthood. The SAFE program provides these youth with comprehensive basic needs support, and connection to needed services through case management. Through the other core programs of the Friendship Club and NEO, we are able to identify youth in need of stabilizing supports before they experience homelessness or a mental health crisis, as well as provide early intervention should they be at risk of homelessness or need mental health treatment. Services under this contract are to provide programming to meet unmet needs of transitional age youth in our community as a component of the County's BHSA Early Intervention (EI) Plan.

Services in this contract include solutions focused strengths-based case management, motivational interviewing, positive youth development, referrals to mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and other services, and support with housing for young adults aged 12-25 who are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal contract as services address unmet needs and improve access to mental health care and housing for young adults experiencing homelessness.

Approved by: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director