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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** May 19, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to execute Amendment No. A.1 to Agreement 24MHSOAC015 with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) has for the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant in the category of Sustainability to extend the contract termination date from December 31, 2027 to March 31, 2028; reflect the MHSOAC been renamed to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC) and the MHSSA has been renamed to Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA) and to update reporting due dates to align with the term extension. (RES 24-620)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING** There is no change to funding amount. Amendment is to extend the grant termination date.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 10, 2024, per Resolution 24-620, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of Agreement 24MHSOAC015 with the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to accept funds from the Behavioral Health Student Services Act grant in the category of Sustainability.

The purpose of the Behavioral Health Student Services Act (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.

The BHSSA Sustainability grant will support NCSOS and NCBH in sustaining the current Nevada County BHSSA program. Nevada County has had four years of BHSSA funding, and as that funding is ending it is necessary to find alternate funding sources and implement a sustainability plan for the BHSSA program. Nevada County's BHSSA program has experienced great success with students, teachers, and paraeducators throughout the county. Students served through the BHSSA program are less likely to be suspended, expelled, need a higher level of services, or have behavioral problems that affect their ability to be successful both personally and academically. Teachers and paraeducators have received extensive training through the BHSSA program that has resulted in staff who are better equipped to manage classrooms, implement behavior plans, and support students in their mental health. The BHSSA program is vital to the success of Nevada County students and thus efforts should be made to sustain the BHSSA program as it currently operates.

This proposed Amendment No.A.1 to the agreement extends the contract termination date from December 31, 2027 to March 31, 2028. 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.

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