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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Victor Community Support Services, Inc. for the provision of Wraparound and Therapeutic Behavior Services (TBS) in the maximum amount of \$3,424,660 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) monies (made available to Nevada County from the State), 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds, and Early Psychosis Intervention Plus (EPI) grant funds from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) distributed by California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). The services were included in the FY 2023/24 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Contract.

BACKGROUND: Under this Contract, the Victor Community Support Services will continue to provide MHSA program services for children and youth including Wraparound Services and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) in both Western and Eastern Nevada County, and adult care coordination services in Eastern Nevada County.

The target population for the program is children and youth (and their families) who are seriously emotionally disturbed or seriously mentally ill and who are likely to benefit from intensive community-based treatment. High priority for these services is given to children and youth who are at risk or involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems, children or youth experiencing homelessness or those who are at risk of psychiatric hospitalization. The Contractor shall provide Wraparound services as a Full-Service Partnership consistent with Nevada County's approved MHSA Community Services and Supports Plan. Wraparound includes treatment

services, personal support services, and any other support necessary to maintain the child/youth in the family home or at the lowest level of appropriate care. This program began in 2007-08 and has been successful in meeting EPSDT/Medi-Cal funding targets since that time. Therapeutic Behavior Services (TBS) are mental health services for youth who have severe emotional problems and are currently placed in residential treatment, recently returned home from residential treatment, or are at risk of such placement, or have been hospitalized recently for mental health problems. TBS helps to effect change in targeted behaviors and achieve short-term goals through one to one contact between a mental health provider and a beneficiary for a specified short period. The goal of TBS is to prevent residential placement or psychiatric hospitalization, or to enable transition from those institutions to a lower level of care.

Program services will include:

- An assessment and completion of a coordinated care plan (CCP) for each participating youth;
- A complete range of mental health services, consisting of psychiatric evaluation, medication support, individual and group therapy, family therapy, case management and collateral services;
- Rehabilitation services with as needed assistance with daily living, education and training and skill development;
- Establishment of quantifiable treatment/services goals and treatment objectives;
- Coordination of care and collaboration of with criminal justice, mental health, public health substance abuse providers, attorneys, courts, schools, social services and other agencies or providers that may be involved with the juvenile's treatment and recovery needs.

The Contractor will also provide care coordination, peer support and treatment coordination for the Early Psychosis Intervention program. Contractor staff will provide local services to youth experiencing symptoms of early psychosis and their families, and will also coordinate care with the UC Davis treatment team and participate in relevant trainings and meeting. Finally, the program will also provide care coordination services to adult clients of Nevada County Behavioral Health in the Truckee region.

It is recommended that the Board approve the contract as it addresses the real life needs of adults and juveniles with mental illness, increases consumer and family participation, and advances a coordinated care structure to help reduce the need for out of home placements.

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