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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 28, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell, MSW**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a new contract with Environmental Alternatives for the provision of specialized mental health residential treatment services for seriously emotionally disturbed adolescents in the maximum amount of \$72,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds and 1991 Realignment. These services are included in the Department's FY 22/23 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Environmental Alternatives provides 24-hour residential care for eligible Nevada County adolescents and young adults between the ages of 13-21 who are diagnosed as severely emotionally disturbed (SED). Environmental Alternatives provides a safe, caring and highly structured environment, individually designed therapeutic treatment plans, and individually designed academic and vocational education instruction.

The goal of these services is to reduce psychiatric hospitalizations, reduce inappropriate behavior to a level that the individual can return home or to the least restrictive level of care, to improve targeted behaviors and connection to the community, reduce involvement with the Juvenile Justice System, and promote reintegration with the family, public school and the community.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as these are vital, mandated services.

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