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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

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 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Children's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Wraparound and Therapeutic Behavior Services (TBS) in the maximum amount of \$1,590,325 for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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 State and Local SB 163 Program funding. Senate Bill (SB) 163 or the California Wraparound Program allows the County flexible use of State foster care and local realignment dollars to provide eligible youth with family-based service alternatives to group home care, instead of paying for a youth to reside in a group home, often located out of Nevada County. State and local funding provides an equivalent amount to pay for Wraparound services to keep the youth at home. The services were included in the FY 2018/19 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Under this Agreement, the Contractor will continue to provide MHSA program services for children and youth including Wraparound Services, Lower Intensity Treatment (Lite) and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)

The target population for the program is children and youth (and their families) who are: seriously emotionally disturbed or seriously mentally ill and at risk or involved in the juvenile justice

system, who are likely to benefit from intensive community- based treatment; at risk of psychiatric hospitalization, homelessness, academically failing or special education students within the program. 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. The Contractor will also provide Lower Intensity Treatment (Lite) and TBS to eligible children and youth. Lite Services provide the same quality services, adhering to the same principles, team structure, and community based tenets as wraparound and all services provided by Victor in Nevada County. The Lite program offers less intensive intervention for youth graduating from wraparound or for youth assessed as needing a lower intervention level. 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 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;
- Lite Services to support transition when Wraparound is no longer indicated, but needs are higher than could be met by outpatient services alone;
- 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 also serves SB 163 target population clientele. This program serves youth and families in Nevada County, who are currently placed or at-risk for placement in a group home licensed at Rate Classification Level (RCL) 12-14, and who meet the other defined eligibility criteria.

It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement as it addresses the real life needs of 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