

AB 1299

The Need for the CalMHSA Joint
Banking Project

Purpose of AB 1299 and How it Works

- Improve access to mental health care for children removed from their homes
- “Presumptive Transfer” – responsibility for the provision and payment for mental health care belongs to the county where the child is placed
- Ultimate financial responsibility still belongs to the placing county (home county)

The Challenges with AB 1299

- Recovering costs of care from the placing county
- Disproportionate impact on Nevada county
- Logistical challenges shifting care between counties

Proposed solution: joint banking pool

- Utilize the existing Joint Powers Authority of CalMHSA
- Formula based on based placement history
- When a county places a child with us, we recoup funds from the banking pool
- Small administrative fee of approximately 5%

Recommended action:

- Approve Nevada County entering into the CalMHSA joint banking project to address the financial implications of AB 1299
 - Initial deposit of \$7,612 into the account which will be replenished as the funds are utilized
- Allows us to pressure other counties to also join