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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell, MSW**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Charis Youth Center for the provision of specialized mental health residential treatment services for seriously emotionally disturbed youth and young adults in the maximum amount of \$300,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds, 1991 Realignment and funds made available through a county participative agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Joint Powers Authority. The department may also seek reimbursement from other counties for services provided to youth from other counties who are placed at Charis and presumed transferred to Nevada County's care. These services are included in the Department's FY 20/21 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: Charis Youth Center 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). Under this contract Charis will also provide care for children from other counties who are placed in their facility and then responsibility for their care is transferred to Nevada County through the Presumptive Transfer process. Charis Youth Center provides a safe, caring and highly structured environment, individually designed therapeutic treatment plans, and individually designed academic and vocational education instruction through Contractor's non-public Charis Youth Center School.

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