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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** August 24, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution accepting funds from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOC) for the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant to increase mental health services in elementary schools for Fiscal Years 2021/22 through 2025/26 in the maximum amount of \$2,499,448.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The funding is from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOC). Nevada County Behavioral Health has been awarded \$2,499,448 to partner with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS) to expand mental health services for youth. This grant award will support staff time, contract development, and the related program's expenses. A budget amendment will be submitted either through the county wide budget amendment process or when the contracts with the Schools is processed and the amount for FY 21-22 is more finalized. There are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) is to establish additional mental health partnerships between county behavioral health departments and local education entities. MHSSA grants must provide support services that include, at a minimum, services provided on school campuses, suicide prevention services, drop-out prevention services, placement assistance and service plan for students in need of ongoing services, and outreach to high-risk youth, including foster youth, youth who identify as LGBTQ, and youth who have been expelled or suspended from school.

Nevada County Behavioral Health will partner with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to expand mental health services for elementary school students in Nevada County. Specifically, the grant will fund 8 Registered Behavioral Technicians who will provide in-classroom behavioral support, as

well as 2 Board Certified Behavioral Analysts to provide more advanced clinical support and supervision. This new staff will support the following elementary schools: Bell Hill Academy Elementary School, Scotten Elementary School, Deer Creek Elementary School, Williams Ranch Elementary School, Ready Springs Elementary School, Alta Sierra Elementary School, Cottage Hill Elementary School, and Grizzly Hill Elementary School. Additionally, this grant will provide funding for Nevada County Children's Behavioral Health staff to collaborate with school mental health and behavioral support staff, providing clinical and referral consultation.

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