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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2022

DATE: June 13, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and Washoe County to provide psychiatric care to children in care in accordance with established policy, professional training, experience and community standards conducted by Fellows in the UNR Department of Psychiatry for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024, in the amount not to exceed [\$25,272.00 (\$12,636.00 for FY23; \$12,636.00 for FY24)]; and if approved, authorize Chair to execute the Contract. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Agency recommends the Board approve Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and Washoe County to provide psychiatric care to children in care in accordance with established policy, professional training, experience and community standards conducted by Fellows in the UNR Department of Psychiatry for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024, in the amount not to exceed [\$25,272.00 (\$12,636.00 for FY23; \$12,636.00 for FY24)]; and if approved, authorize Chair to execute the Contract.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 17, 2021, the Board approved an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and Washoe County to provide psychiatric care to children in care in accordance with established policy, professional training, experience and community standards conducted by Fellows in the UNR Department of Psychiatry in an amount not to exceed [\$15,485.60]; effective upon approval through September 30, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The Human Services Agency is responsible to help improve the well-being of children, parent/caregivers and families residing within the confines of Washoe County that become involved with WCHSA due to a report/investigation of child abuse and/or neglect under Nevada Revised Statute 432B. To address the well-being of families, the Human Services Agency is required to meet their behavioral/mental health/substance abuse treatment service needs by arranging and/or providing financial resources, including psychiatric care: (i.e., evaluations, second-opinion evaluations, emergency evaluations, and on-going medication management.

The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) will administer standard, state-of-the-art psychiatric care in accordance with established policy, professional training, experience and community standards conducted by the DCFS' contracted Provider, Fellows in the UNR Department of Psychiatry. DCFS' contracted Provider will conduct evaluations, second opinion, or emergency psychiatric evaluations for children in the legal custody of WCHSA identified to be in need of psychiatric services and/or who are prescribed certain psychotropic medications that require such reviews as outlined by WCHSA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this agreement is included in the Agency's adopted FY23 budget in the Children Services Fund (F228), cost center 280650 – Permanency, GL 710729 – Mental Health Assessment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board approve Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and Washoe County to provide psychiatric care to children in care in accordance with established policy, professional training, experience and community standards conducted by Fellows in the UNR Department of Psychiatry for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024, in the amount not to exceed [\$25,272.00 (\$12,636.00 for FY23; \$12,636.00 for FY24)]; and if approved, authorize Chair to execute the Contract.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and Washoe County to provide psychiatric care to children in care in accordance with established policy, professional training, experience and community standards conducted by Fellows in the UNR Department of Psychiatry for the term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024, in the amount not to exceed [\$25,272.00 (\$12,636.00 for FY23; \$12,636.00 for FY24)]; and if approved, authorize Chair to execute the Contract."