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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: 2/26/19

DATE: Friday, February 22, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Interlocal Contract between the Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Health Care Financing and Policy) and the County of Washoe (Juvenile Services) to authorize Juvenile Services to accept Targeted Case Management reimbursements for FY 2019-2022 services from Nevada Medicaid. The Department estimates reimbursements of \$30,000 to \$50,000 per month. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve Interlocal Contract between the Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Health Care Financing and Policy) and the County of Washoe (Juvenile Services) to authorize Juvenile Services to accept Targeted Case Management reimbursements for FY 2019-2022 services from Nevada Medicaid. The Department estimates reimbursements of \$30,000 to \$50,000 per month.

Approval of contract and funding is contingent upon state and federal approval of the department's cost allocation plan and rate methodology.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 22, 2014 the Board approved the Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, and the County of Washoe, Juvenile Services, to authorize Juvenile Services to accept Targeted Case Management reimbursements for FY 2015-2018 services from Nevada Medicaid.

On March 26, 2013 the Board approved amendment #1 to the contract. The amendment revised the language to incorporate for administrative services and added contract authority by \$160,000.00 for administrative claims.

On November 10, 2009 the Board approved the Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, and the County of Washoe, Juvenile Services, to authorize Juvenile Services to

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accept Targeted Case Management reimbursements for FY 2010-2014 services from Nevada Medicaid.

On March 18, 2003 the Board approved the contract between the Department and the State Division of Health Care Financing and Policy and allowed the Department to claim and expend TCM funding.

On April 10, 2001 the Board approved for the Department to claim and expend TCM funding.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Department of Juvenile Services had Board approval and received Federal Medicaid funds for allowable Targeted Case Management (TCM) services and activities from FY 2001 through FY 2004. Due to stated Federal concern regarding the allowability of any Juvenile Services program to claim these funds across the nation, the Department chose to no longer bill for these services and funding.

On December 4, 2007 the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) issued an Interim Final Rule which formally eliminated Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare program's ability to claim and receive reimbursement for TCM activities.

On May 4, 2009 States were notified that CMS had rescinded certain provisions of the Interim Final Rule which included the provisions that prohibited Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare programs from claiming for allowable TCM activities.

The Department, in coordination with a County contractor, developed a Cost Allocation Plan and associated documentation to seek State and Federal approval to start claiming TCM reimbursement for allowable services and activities.

Following Board of County Commissioner's approval in November, 2009, the Department has submitted claims for allowable TCM services and activities back to October 1, 2009. TCM services and activities include the assessment of need, referral and linkage to necessary services, development, and implementation of the case plan, monitoring and follow-up of case plan activities and services, and evaluation of the case plan activities and services. These activities are all reimbursable for Medicaid eligible individuals.

Funds have been utilized to support Juvenile Services Youth Employment Training Program; with the stipends provided to participating juveniles being applied to restitution owed, detention staffing, mental health services for juveniles under the supervision of Juvenile Services. TCM funds have also been used to upgrade the security technology within the detention center and to cover travel cost for staff conducting quality assurance visits to out of state mental health facilities for juvenile placement.

FISCAL IMPACT

Reimbursement revenue will be posted to IO: 11084, Revenue Account: 460502 Medicaid Management.

The Department estimates reimbursements of \$30,000 to \$50,000 per month.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be to approve Interlocal Contract between the Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Health Care Financing and Policy) and the County of Washoe (Juvenile Services) to authorize Juvenile Services to accept Targeted Case Management reimbursements for FY 2019-2022 services from Nevada Medicaid. The Department estimates reimbursements of \$30,000 to \$50,000 per month.