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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between Nevada County, as a participating County with the California Mental Health Services Authority State Hospitals Program, and the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) outlining terms, conditions, and rates for patient placements in DSH facilities for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This expenditure is optional, but it is in the County's financial interest to participate in the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) State Hospitals Program. The County's participation is funded by 1991 Realignment. Expenditures are only incurred if we place someone in a State Hospital bed, at which point an amendment to a separate contract (4627-SHB-2023-NC) with CalMHSA would be processed at the negotiated amount. There are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: California Counties under the authority of the Government Code formed the CalMHSA. CalMHSA is authorized by its Joint Exercise of Powers Act to jointly develop, and fund mental health services under, among other services and functions. Sections 4330 through 4335 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provide for Counties, including Counties acting jointly, to contract with the DSH for use of State Hospital facilities for their civil commitments under Division 5 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. Certain members of CalMHSA desire to authorize CalMHSA to jointly negotiate and contract with the State Department of State Hospitals for use of such facilities on their behalf, and to explore and potentially implement related, alternative, or replacement services.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DSH, CalMHSA, and participating counties outlines the terms, conditions, and reimbursement rates for Nevada County Lanterman Petris Short (LPS) patient placement in DSH facilities. Terms and conditions include a description of hospital provided services, admission and discharge procedures, bed-type transfers, pre-admission requirements, coordination of treatment, staffing ratios, patient's rights, payment

mechanisms, and quality assurance measures. Additionally, this MOU establishes the negotiated daily bed rate for various types of DSH facilities.

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Resolution as the MOU will allow Nevada County to refer patients to DSH facilities when that level of care is needed.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Behavioral Health Director