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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2024

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

Resolution approving the Alcohol and Drug Initial Treatment Provider **SUBJECT:**

> Application for Certification with the Department of Health Care Services and authorizing the Behavioral Health Director to complete,

sign, and submit the application and required documents.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: There is no funding portion with this item. The funding portion is included with Behavioral Health's agreement with the Department of Health Care Services for operations of a Drug Medi-cal Organized Delivery System. A \$3,517 application fee has already been paid to DHCS for this application.

BACKGROUND: On January 1, 2024, the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) instituted a new mandatory requirement for an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Programs certification, which was introduced via AB 118 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 42, Statutes of 2023), amending Health and Safety Code (HSC), Chapter 7.1 commencing with Section 11832. As Nevada County Behavioral Health (NCBH) provides outpatient services out of the County's Crown Point facility, this facility falls within the parameters of needing to be certified under the new Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Programs certification.

This resolution will ensure continued access for outpatient substance use disorder services that are provided through the Crown Point facility. These include care coordination, screening and assessment, individual and group counseling sessions, educational sessions, and recovery treatment planning. In order for NCBH to become designated under the new Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Programs certification, a board resolution granting authorization to the person signing the application must be submitted. This resolution aims to allow NCBH's Director, Phebe Bell, or their designee, to sign the application for certification.

It is recommended that the Board approve this resolution as it allows NCBH's Director, Phebe Bell, or their designee, to apply for and sign the application for the new Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Programs certification needed to continue providing outpatient services out of the County's Crown Point facility.

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