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

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment 2 to the Master Workforce Participation Agreement 3612-WORK-2023-NC with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to increase the maximum contract price from \$50,000 to \$308,800 (an increase of \$258,800) for the term July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027 and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2023/24. (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This program is funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) dollars, Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) grant funds made available through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Realignment. A budget amendment is required and included in this Resolution. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Amendment.

BACKGROUND:

California Counties under the authority of the Government Code formed the California Mental Health Services Authority (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. In light of the shortage of mental health practitioners in the public mental health system (PMHS), CalMHSA is offering county behavioral health departments the opportunity to participate in various Workforce Education and Training (WET) opportunities.

Through this contract, CalMHSA will serve as the fiscal and administrative agent for up to six WET activities identified in the contract: remote clinical supervision, temporary clinical staffing and permanent staff recruitment, behavioral health mater's level training program, training and

certification course, Medi-Cal peer support specialist training and certification, and workforce loan repayment. Each contract service benefit can be requested on an as needed basis from the county.

On July 24, 2023, the Nevada County Purchasing Agent approved execution of Agreement 3612-WORK-2023-NC with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for Master Workforce Participation which was subsequently amended on September 1, 2023 . In order to meet the current clinical demand, Nevada County Behavioral Health seeks to amend the Agreement to increase the dollars allocated to the program in order to provide the opportunity to utilize the temporary staffing options offered through the contract.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment to provide Nevada County with strategies and programming to alleviate the shortage of staffing within the public mental health system.

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