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

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**MEETING DATE:** June 20, 2017  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Rebecca Slade**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for the provision of crisis intervention and community client services in the maximum amount of \$927,432 for Fiscal Year 2017/18.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** These services are mandated. The contract is supported by Realignment, Medi-Cal reimbursement, SB 82 grant funds and MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) Funding. Services are budgeted and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** This is a renewal contract with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for mandated crisis and intervention services. Crisis services are case-driven initial evaluation and referral services for patients needing immediate mental health crisis intervention. The therapeutic response may be accomplished by phone and/or face to face contacts. The response encompasses multiple functions including evaluations according to Section 5150 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, to evaluate whether or not a patient is a danger to themselves or others or unable to function in the community. If needed, the Crisis Workers are responsible for assisting in the admission and paperwork completion for the patient to a 5150 facility designated by the County.

Services may also involve direct counseling and/or mental status assessments, information regarding mental health services and referrals to alternative resources, assisting clients in obtaining other social or human services as required, and consultation with referring agencies or

client's significant others, as well as, maintaining after hours phone coverage for the County's Truckee Clinic.

Crisis Workers provide assessments and evaluations of Mental Health clients at the Behavioral Health Clinic, Jail, Juvenile Hall, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital emergency room, Tahoe Forest Hospital and/or other designated areas. Crisis workers respond and triage each case according to the individual's needs, providing immediate brief intervention and follow-up for people experiencing emotional crisis in their lives. In cases of protracted crisis admissions, Contractor shall also provide supplemental support staff to assist in the process.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Rebecca Slade, Director of Behavioral Health