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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2017

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Rebecca Slade

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing

Loan Program Ongoing Annual MHSA Fund Release Authorization for Future Unencumbered Funds Form and authorizing the Director of Behavioral Health to sign and submit the Form to the Department of

Health Care Services (DHCS).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: In Fiscal Year 2007/08 the County agreed to assign to the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) the Planning Estimate of the MHSA Housing Fund in the amount of \$1,387,000. CalHFA held the funds in a county sub-account with interest received on the investment. The sub-account may include deposits of unencumbered MHSA Housing Funds, MHSA residual receipt loan payments, and accrued interests. The County accessed funds to purchase two homes and created two Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserves (COSRs) which fully depleted the sub-account and there are no further anticipated funds. There are no county general funds associated with this item of action.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and CalHFA jointly administered the MHSA Housing Program through an interagency agreement that expired on May 30, 2016. After this date, no further MHSA loans or COSRs will be approved by CalHFA under the MHSA Housing Program. The Local Government Special Needs Housing Program (SNHP) will replace the existing MHSA Housing Program. Because the MHSA Housing Program is expiring, CalHFA must release any remaining or future MHSA funds to the County. The MHSA Housing Loan Program Ongoing Annual MHSA Fund Release Authorization for Future Unencumbered Funds Form will direct CalHFA to release funds to the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department.

These funds may include deposits of disencumbered MHSA housing funds (i.e., COSR funds that are no longer required by a project, or funds approved for a loan that is never funded), MHSA residual receipt loan payments, and accrued interest. Funds will be released annually by CalHFA by May 1st of each calendar year starting in 2017. Nevada County Behavioral Health Department is choosing the option for unencumbered or disencumbered funds to be returned to the Department.

Item Initiated by: Michele Violett

Approved by: Rebecca Slade, MFT, Director of Behavioral Health