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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2024

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Recover

> Medical Group to provide virtual outpatient. Individual, and group rehabilitative treatment services, recovery services, and Medication Assisted Treatment services for Medi-Cal members for the recovery and treatment of substance use disorders in the maximum amount of \$335,363 for the contract term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is provided through a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Pilot program funding made available through the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), Drug Medi-Cal Federal reimbursement and 2011 Realignment. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Recover Medical Group provides effective, accessible, and innovative virtual outpatient, intensive outpatient, care coordination, recovery services, and MAT to persons affected by Substance Use Disorders (SUD).

The evidenced-based treatment programs provided by Recover Medical Group are designed to help reach Nevada County individuals and families who live rurally, by providing a telehealth option. This is particularly helpful for residents in Truckee as well as for young people who may be more interested in the privacy and flexibility of virtual services. Recover Medical Group helps clients to achieve and maintain healthy and rewarding lives, leading to long-term selfsufficiency and the restoration of family systems.

Additionally, Recover Medical Group will be implementing a new low-barrier MAT pilot program located at the Common Resource Center, specifically targeting unhoused and vulnerable members of our community located in the Brunswick Basin. MAT services include FDA-approved medications and biological products to treat Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD), Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and any SUD. MAT may be provided in clinical or non-clinical settings and can be delivered as a standalone service or as part of a level of care covered by DMC-ODS Services. The Contractor shall provide MAT to individuals, including both youth and adults, for whom MAT is clinically appropriate.

It is recommended that the Board approve this agreement as the services provided will help program participants achieve and maintain healthy and stable lives, leading to long-term self-sufficiency and the restoration of family systems. Renewal of this contract will allow critical services to continue for people who are struggling with substance use disorder needs. The inclusion of the MAT pilot program is expected to further enhance the effectiveness of treatment and recovery efforts within the community.

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