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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rebecca Slade

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Michael Lin, M.D. for the provision of direct clinical and other psychiatric services for citizens of Nevada County in the maximum amount of \$252,360 for Fiscal Year 2017/18.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Approve the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: These services are mandated. The funding is from Medi-Cal, 2011 Realigned Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) funds, MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) funds and 1991 Realignment. Services are within the department's budget and there are no county general funds required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: Under this renewal Agreement, the Contractor will perform psychiatric evaluations, formulate diagnosis and determine therapeutic and medication needs, develop treatment plans, participate in case conferences, consult with clinical staff regarding support services, consult regarding placement and treatment options for children and youth, and participate in staff training and education activities.

These specialized services are in high demand and there is a shortage of qualified child psychiatrists. This specialty requires unique knowledge and advanced training for techniques specific to assessment and treatment of psychiatric disorders in children and adolescents and staying current on the most recent developments in the field of child psychiatry, and pediatric psychopharmacology.

Due to the shortage of psychiatrists in the eastern County Region, the Contractor will provide services at the Truckee Clinic one day a week to children/adolescents and adults in addition to rendering services to children and adolescents in western Nevada County.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve this renewal Agreement as these are essential services that help to promote the well-being of residents of Nevada County.

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