

## NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Board Agenda Memo** 

**MEETING DATE:** August 20, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 2 to the contract

with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC. for the provision of a Drug Medi-Cal outpatient Narcotic Treatment Program for Behavioral Health clients to increase the maximum amount from \$826,000 to \$851,000 (an increase of \$25,000) for FY 2023/24 and revise Exhibit "B" to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price. (RES. 23-389)

(RES. 24-001)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Narcotic Treatment Program services are mandatory under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver, which Nevada County implemented on July 1, 2018. These services are funded by Federal Drug Medi-Cal and State 2011 Realignment. Services are within the Behavioral Health FY 23/24 budget and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 8, 2023, per Resolution 23-389, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) outpatient Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) for referred clients of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department and subsequently amended this item on January 9, 2024, per Resolution 24-001.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is a significant issue in California and in Nevada County specifically. Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) is a significant challenge for our clients, which impacts not only the user, but also their children, family and community. While the rate of opioid

prescriptions has decreased significantly in Nevada County, the opioid overdose death rate in Nevada County significantly exceeds the state rates. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs and Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP's) are the medical standard of care for individuals with Opioid Use Disorders.

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors approve this Amendment to increase the contract maximum to cover their increase in NTP services at the end of the fiscal year as these services are critical for the treatment of beneficiaries in Nevada County with OUD.

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