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

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**MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2021  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a Participation Agreement to authorize Nevada County to participate in the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) State Hospitals Program for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This expenditure is optional, but it is in the County's financial interest to participate in the CalMHSA State Hospitals Program. The County's participation is funded by 1991 and 2011 Realignment. Expenditures are only incurred if we place someone in a State Hospital bed. At which point an amendment would be processed to add budget and the negotiated amount. There are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** California Counties under the authority of the Government Code formed the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). CalMHSA is authorized by its Joint Exercise of Powers Act to jointly develop, and fund mental health services under, among other services and functions. Sections 4330 through 4335 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provide for Counties, including Counties acting jointly, to contract with the State Department of State Hospitals for use of State Hospital facilities for their civil commitments under Division 5 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. Certain members of CalMHSA desire to authorize CalMHSA to jointly negotiate and contract with the State Department of State Hospitals for use of such facilities on their behalf, and to explore and potentially implement related, alternative, or replacement services.

This participation agreement authorizes CalMHSA to contract for State Hospital beds on behalf of Program Participants including Nevada County and to evaluate and implement collaborative opportunities in the development of programs for special populations requiring secure 24-hour treatment services (i.e., IMD, court commitments, acute treatment, incompetent to stand trial, etc.).

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Resolution as CalMHSA's administration of this agreement will result in more cost-effective rates for services, reduced demands on Nevada County administrative services, and increased efficiency in implementing services.

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