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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** January 13, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Participation Agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority Connex program to revise Exhibit "A", Program Description to reflect the addition of a subscription for the CalMHSA Connex Admission, Discharge, Transfer ("ADT") Dashboard at no additional cost to Participant beginning January 1, 2026 and existing until the end of the contract term in the maximum amount of \$222,948. (RES. 24-098)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services provided under this contract support the Behavioral Health Department in billing Medi-Cal for Specialty Mental Health and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Services, resulting in receipt of Federal Financial Participation revenues. The cost of this contract will be funded by Medi-Cal and Drug Medi-Cal Quality Assurance/Utilization and/or Administration funds, as well as 1991 and 2011 Realignment. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 12, 2024, per Resolution 24-098 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Participation Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority for the provision of facilitating the exchange of protected health information (PHI), personally identifiable information (PII) and other information between organizations and will assist Participants in connecting to larger national exchange networks. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule on May 1, 2020. One of the requirements of this Final Rule is that providers make patient data for exchange and for patient access via an application programming interface (API) for any services on or after January 1, 2016.

CalMHSA Connex is a managed Interoperability Software as a Service (SaaS) solution (the “Services”) to assist participating counties in meeting state and federal interoperability requirements. CalMHSA Connex will facilitate the exchange of protected health information (PHI), personally identifiable information (PII) and other information between organizations and will assist Participants in connecting to larger national exchange networks.

This amendment will incorporate an “Admission, Discharge, Transfer” (ADT) dashboard within the Connex platform designed to receive, process, and display real-time and historical ADT message events such as emergency department visits from approved third-party intermediaries such as other Health Information Exchanges. This dashboard will allow for enhanced care coordination and operational decision-making including improved insight into clients’ physical health and follow-up care for clients who go to the emergency department. This amendment goes into place on January 1, 2026, and comes at no additional cost to Nevada County Behavioral Health.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 1 to the Participation Agreement as it will provide the subscription for the CalMHSA Connex ADT Dashboard at no additional cost to Participant and allow Nevada County Behavioral Health to improve data exchange infrastructure for improved patient care.

**Approved by:** Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director