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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the FY 22/23 Annual Update to the Nevada County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FYs 20/21, 21/22, and 22/23; and Annual Progress Report for FY 20/21.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The estimated program expenditures for implementing the FY 22/23 Annual Plan Update are \$8,100,980. MHSA funds may only be used to establish or expand services for approved plan components, and may not be used to supplant funding for programs existing prior to the enactment of MHSA. The Proposed Plan does not require any county match or county general fund dollars and is planned for within the Department's existing budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) adopted by the California electorate on November 2, 2004, increased overall State funding for the community mental health system by imposing a 1% income tax on California residents with more than \$1 million per year in income. The stated intention of the proposition was to "transform" local mental health service delivery systems from a "fail first" model to one promoting intervention, treatment and recovery from mental illness. A key strategy in the act was the prioritization of prevention and early intervention services to reduce the long-term adverse impacts of untreated, serious mental illness on individuals, families and state and local budgets. On June 16, 2020, the Board approved the Nevada County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FY 2020/21 through FY 2022/23 Three-Year Program and

Expenditure Plan per Resolution 20-217. Each year, counties must submit an annual update to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan to summarize programmatic and budgetary changes in the coming fiscal year, in addition to a progress report summarizing program evaluation outcomes.

The MHSA FY 22/23 Annual Plan Update and FY 20/21 Annual Progress Report were shared with the Mental Health Board, MHSA Steering Committee and our e-mail subscribers, consisting of over 180 interested individuals ranging from family members, consumers/program participants, and community based organizations to staff from various county departments. A Notice of Public Comment Period of April 13, 2022 through May 13, 2022 was posted, and the proposed Plan has been available on the County website for review and comments. The final public hearing was held at our local Mental Health Board meeting on May 13, 2022.

FY 22/23 Annual Plan Update Overview

- **Funding increases for existing contracts**
 - Increases for existing MHSA funded contracts, ranging between 10 and 30%
 - Strategic increases for Prevention and Early Intervention programs targeting youth, and for Full Service Partnership programs
 - Exploring addition of new youth FSP provider
 - Additional funding to support 24/7 FSP permanent supportive housing staffing for house that was purchased with MHSA CSS funds in FY 21/22
- **Support for Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement (HOME) Team**
 - Exploring CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM) funding and other sources to create long term sustainability plan for time-limited HOME Team Innovation project
 - More cohesive staffing model with some staff embedded within BH department and some staff remaining within Hospitality House
 - Better connectivity and referral flow to Behavioral Health services
 - Funding will support gap that ECM funding cannot cover, in addition to start up costs such as the purchase of two County vehicles for HOME Team staff to utilize
- **Electronic Health Record (EHR)**
 - Current Electronic Health Record (EHR) Anasazi sunsets in 2023
 - Funding needed for transition to a new EHR, including one-time startup and implementation costs
 - Allocating funding from CSS to Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN) to support transition to a new EHR

Annual Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Also enclosed in this document is Nevada County's MHSAs Annual Progress Report for FY 2020/21 for funded programs.

The Behavioral Health Department respectfully requests that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approve the MHSAs FY 2022/23 Annual Plan Update and Annual Progress Report for FY 2020/21, so the Department may submit to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) by the mandated deadline of June 30, 2022.

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