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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 28, 2022

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal Agreement with North Valley Behavioral Health, LLC for acute psychiatric inpatient services at the Contractor's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) in the total maximum amount of \$3,000,000, not to exceed \$1,500,000 each fiscal year, for the contract term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** These services are mandated. Funding for services is from Federal Medi-Cal reimbursement and 1991 and 2011 Realignment funds. Overall expenditures for acute inpatient contracts are estimated to be within the Department's FY 2022/23 Budget. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** North Valley Behavioral Health through a collaborative effort with Northern California County Mental Health Directors established a 16-bed psychiatric inpatient unit in Yuba City exclusively for rural northern counties' usage. Psychiatric Health Facilities (PHFs) were created in 1978 by the California Legislature to provide a low cost alternative to hospital-based psychiatric care.

This Contractor provides a 24-hour inpatient acute care program. Their facility accepts both males and females who are referred from the County who meet the program criteria. The Program is intended for individuals who have a qualified mental health condition or crisis requiring temporary care in a safe and secure environment.

This Agreement allows access for Nevada County's clients based on bed availability on a first-come first-serve basis. The program goals are to provide 24-hour Inpatient emergency psychiatric intervention services to adults who have a psychiatric emergency or other qualified condition, to intercede with the psychiatric crisis and stabilize and maintain the mental health condition and improve functioning abilities of the patient.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement to help ensure adequate availability options for eligible county residents to receive necessary inpatient psychiatric treatment.

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