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

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Phebe Bell**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Jackson & Coker Locum Tenens, LLC, for the provision of Psychiatry Locum Tenens coverage in the maximum amount of \$251,011 for the contract term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Services are funded by Medi-Cal reimbursement, 2011 Realigned EPSDT funds and 1991 Realignment. There are no county general fund dollars required in the amendment.

BACKGROUND:
Recruitment of psychiatrists to the county has been extremely difficult due to a national and statewide shortage in the field, increased demand for services, and the competitive and often higher compensation packages offered by the private sector. Due to this shortage of essential psychiatric coverage, Behavioral Health has contracted with Jackson & Coker on an as needed basis since February 2007. Jackson & Coker has been able to place qualified and experienced psychiatrists who in the interim have worked well with clients and staff. By engaging these services, Behavioral Health will ensure that timely client psychiatric services are provided without disruption or delay, including prescribing and monitoring medication, examination and diagnosis, determination of psychiatric treatment, consultation on difficult cases to clinical staff, and preparation of records and psychiatric evaluation reports.

Utilization of the contract has been significantly higher than initially expected, largely due to Jackson and Coker quickly placing a highly qualified psychiatrist in Nevada County. Having a strong provider has allowed us to better meet client demand in a timely way.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Contract as it allows Behavioral Health to provide timely client psychiatric services.

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