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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 25, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Phebe Bell, MSW

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal Agreement for Services #8448 with the County of El Dorado for acute psychiatric inpatient hospitalization services for referred Nevada County clients at El Dorado's operated Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) for a maximum obligation not to exceed \$800,000 per fiscal year, for a total maximum amount of \$2,400,000 effective when fully executed by both parties and covering the period to begin when fully executed through June 30, 2027.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** These services are mandated. The contract is supported by Behavioral Health's 2011 Realignment funds for Managed Care, Medi-Cal Reimbursement, and 1991 Realignment as needed for referred uninsured indigent clients. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Under this Agreement, the Contractor is agreeing to reserve one (1) dedicated bed for Nevada County patients. Nevada County is allowed access to additional beds as needed on a fee-for-services basis if space permits. El Dorado's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is a 24-hour inpatient acute care program in a 16-bed facility. This facility accepts adults (18 and older) who are referred from the county who meet the established program criteria. It is intended for individuals who have a qualified mental health condition or crisis requiring temporary care in a safe and secure environment.

The program goals are to:

- Provide 24-hour inpatient emergency psychiatric intervention services to adults who have a psychiatric emergency or other qualified condition.
- Intervene with psychiatric crisis, stabilize and maintain the mental health condition.
- Improve functioning abilities of the patient.

This facility is an economical choice when such services are necessary for client care. The facility is eligible to participate in the Medi-Cal program, and, as such, a substantial portion of the cost of care for eligible clients is funded by the Federal participation in Medi-Cal. While the total contract amount for the three fiscal years increased substantially, this is because Medi-Cal's reimbursement rate for such services has increased substantially. The county is only required to provide gap funding between what medi-cal pays down and the daily bed rate, however for contract purposes the full cost is contracted.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement to ensure that an adequate number of inpatient beds are available to meet the increasing demand for psychiatric inpatient services for Nevada County residents.

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