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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 26,2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Phebe Bell**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment A1 to Agreement No. 21-10099, known as the County Mental Health Services Performance Contract, with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to extend the term of the Agreement one year to the new term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 and retroactively authorizing the Director of Behavioral Health to execute the Amendment on behalf of the County of Nevada. (RES 21-321)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Under this agreement, the County agrees to satisfy the conditions of funding for various mental health program funding streams that are administered by DHCS including: the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant (SABG), Community Mental Health Services Grant program, and community mental health services provided with realignment funds. The exact amounts of these funds are not specified in this contract, because they are not known until after receipt. The essence of this contract is that we are agreeing to operate our department programs in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, in exchange for the opportunity to access these various mental health funding mechanisms.

BACKGROUND: On July 27, 2021, per Resolution 21-321, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of Agreement 21-10099, known as the County Mental Health Services Performance Contract, between the County of Nevada and the California Department of Health Care Services for the provision of mental health program services that adhere to all program principles and satisfies the conditions and requirements of various mental health program funding streams.

According to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), §5650(a) each county shall adopt a proposed annual county mental health services performance contract for mental health services in the County. This “Performance Agreement” sets forth the requirements counties must meet including counties’ responsibility to provide community mental health services to cover the entire area of the County and compliance with the program principles and providing an array of treatment options in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5651 provides specific assurances, which are listed below, that must be included in this Agreement. The County shall:

- A. Comply with the expenditure requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17608.05,
- B. Provide services to persons receiving involuntary treatment as required by Part 1 (commencing with section 5000) and Part 1.5 (commencing with section 5585) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institution Code,
- C. Comply with all of the requirements necessary for Medi-Cal reimbursement for mental health treatment services and case management programs provided to Medi-Cal eligible individuals, including, but not limited to, the provisions set forth in Chapter 3 (commencing with section 5700) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and submit cost reports and other data to DHCS in the form and manner determined by the DHCS,
- D. Ensure that the Local Mental Health Advisory Board has reviewed and approved procedures ensuring citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5604.2,
- E. Comply with all provisions and requirements in law pertaining to patient rights,
- F. Comply with all requirements in federal law and regulation pertaining to federally funded mental health programs,
- G. Provide all data and information set forth in Sections 5610 and 5665 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
- H. If the County elects to provide the services described in Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 5670) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institution Code, comply with guidelines established for program initiatives outlined in this chapter, and
- I. Comply with all applicable laws and regulations for all services delivered, including all laws, regulations, and guidelines of the Mental Health Services Act.

This amendment extends this contract for one additional year. In addition, this resolution authorizes the Behavioral Health Director to retroactively sign this extension. It is recommended the Board approve this Amendment A1 to satisfy the conditions to receive various mental health program funding streams administered by the Department of Health Care Services.

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