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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a Participation Agreement to authorize Nevada County to participate in the California Mental Health Services Data Archive Solution program for the provision of Microsoft Azure Cloud database solution, professional implementation and support services in the maximum amount of \$58,704.00 for the contract term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2023/24 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These are mandatory and necessary services pursuant to Medi-Cal and the daily functioning and operation of the Behavioral Health Department. Services provided under this agreement will be funded by 2011 and '91 Realignment, Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP), MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) dollars and Behavioral Health CalAim funds made available by the Department of Health Care Services. A budget amendment is included and included in this Resolution. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule on May 1, 2020. One of the requirements of this Final Rule is that providers make patient data for exchange and for patient access via an application programming interface (API) for any services on or after January 1, 2016.

CalMHSA is a Joint Power Authority representing County Behavioral Health Departments under the authority of the Government Code. CalMHSA currently administers Nevada County Behavioral

Health (NCBH)'s Electronic Health Record, SmartCare. Through this agreement, CalMHSA will provide a technical data archiving solution, including helping NCBH access and store its legacy EHR data prior to the implementation of SmartCare in July 2023. This data archiving solution will assist with NCBH meeting the CMS requirements for data retention and interoperability.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as it provides the software, hosting, and technological infrastructure support services which will enable the County to properly retain copies of and access to legacy EMR data, while also assisting Participant in taking steps toward meeting future interoperability requirements.

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