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

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**MEETING DATE:** October 10, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal revenue Contract for Services with the County of Placer for Nevada County to provide Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Services to Placer County referred clients for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 in the maximum contract amount of \$75,000.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This is a revenue Contract whereby Placer County will pay Nevada County Behavioral Health Department an hourly rate for Crisis Stabilization Services. Revenue was anticipated and planned for in the Department budget. There are no county general funds required in the Contract.

**BACKGROUND:** Nevada County currently operates a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, where individuals can receive crisis services through the County's subcontractor, Sierra Mental Wellness Group, including psychotherapy and medication support for up to 23 consecutive hours per crisis event. The four bed CSU is located in Grass Valley, California, 70 feet from the entrance of the Emergency Department of Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. The CSU is part of a crisis continuum of care for residents of Nevada County.

Under this agreement Behavioral Health is renewing a previous contract to provide crisis stabilization services to Placer County referred clients determined to be in crisis and appropriate for admission to the CSU. This may include individuals on Welfare and Institution Code section 5150 holds when the CSU is determined to be the most appropriate setting for the provision of

evaluation and crisis intervention services to either resolve the need for the 5150 hold within the 23-hour period or, if unable to do so, facilitate placement in an acute psychiatric hospital setting.

Nevada County benefits by entering into this Contract with Placer as the local hospital has purchased three dedicated beds and this agreement will provide revenue to help offset the costs of the fourth bed and other operational costs. Additionally, this agreement strengthens and promotes the mutual working relationship between Placer and Nevada Counties.

**Item initiated and approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW – Behavioral Health Director**