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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the contract with California Hearing Officers, LLP which provides Hearing Officers for mental health certification review hearings to increase the maximum amount from \$35,000 to \$135,000, to extend the contract termination date to June 30, 2026, amending Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect those changes as well as a change in the cancellation policy and associated fees, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2024-25 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required). (PESR4869)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The provision of certification review hearings is mandated by AB 2275. The services are funded with patient care revenue and realignment monies. There is no general fund required. A budget amendment is required and included in this Resolution.

BACKGROUND: On January 23, 2024, per Purchasing Order PESR4869, the Nevada County Purchasing Agent approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with California Hearing Officers, LLP. This contract is being amended to update the cancellation policy and associated fees, increase the contract price, and to extend the duration of this contract. The increased price is due to higher utilization of these services than anticipated.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 1 as it allows us to continue to provide a mandated service to participants receiving crisis services and awaiting placement at a higher level of care. Additionally, it seeks to align the contract term with the Fiscal Year rather than the calendar year.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director