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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 Standard Agreement Number 24-40138 with the Department of Health Care Services for the purpose of identifying and providing Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) services for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment as well as Specialty Mental Health Services in Nevada County for the term of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This agreement allows the County to participate in the Federal Medi-Cal Reimbursement program and State General Fund Reimbursement program for Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System services and Specialty Mental Health services. There are no County general fund dollars required in this agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Welfare & Institutions Code (hereafter W&I Code) sections 14680 -14727, and 14184.100 et seq. W&I Code section 14712 requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to implement managed mental health care for Medi-Cal members through contracts with mental health plans. This agreement allows Nevada County Behavioral Health Department (NCBH) to provide those specialty mental health services on behalf of DHCS to Nevada County residents. This agreement also represents an intergovernmental agreement between DHCS and NCBH by authority of Chapter 3 (§ 11758.10 et seq.) of Part 1, Division 10.5 of the Health & Safety (H&S) Code and with approval of Nevada County Board of Supervisors (or designee) for the purpose of providing alcohol and drug services under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System.

In previous years the county held two separate contracts with DHCS: one for the provision of substance use treatment and one for the provision of specialty mental health services. DHCS is seeking to integrate mental health and substance use services into a single contract as a starting point to allow County Behavioral Health Departments to provide integrated care to community members. This effort is part of the DHCS Behavioral Health Administrative Integration initiative under CalAIM. Nevada County has opted into this pilot integrated agreement option due to the

need for integrated care for people with co-occurring disorders. This agreement still authorizes two separate systems of treatment and does not yet provide for the delivery of integrated care, but it is the first step towards building an integrated care system. This integrated agreement also simplifies administrative processes and data reporting requirements.

This agreement is critical for the department as it allows NCBH to bill Medi-Cal for services provided to local residents, as well as to receive state general funds to support these specialty mental health and substance use disorder treatment services. Approval of this agreement will allow the County to ensure that all of our Medi-Cal beneficiaries have access to a complete array of specialty mental health and substance use disorder treatment services to support recovery.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director