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

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**MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the contract with CF Merced Behavioral DBA Merced Behavioral Center for skilled nursing services, plus long-term 24-hour treatment program services for chronic mentally ill clients to increase the maximum contract price from \$160,000 to \$500,000 (an increase of \$340,000), amend Exhibit A to add their Behavioral Transitional Care Unit service level and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025. (RES 23-352).

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** These services are mandated. This contract is supported by Realignment dollars. There is no County general fund needed.

**BACKGROUND:** On July 11, 2023, per Resolution 23-352, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with CF Merced Behavioral DBA Merced Behavioral Center for continuance of 24-hour long-term adult psychiatric care and supervision for referred Nevada County clients.

The Contractor provides IMD services including 24-hour skilled nursing services for chronic mentally ill clients, plus provision of special treatment programs as identified under Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

Contract utilization has exceeded expected capacity needs due to additional people being placed at this facility for longer time frames. This amendment will allow for current utilization rates through year end. This amendment also adds language for their Behavioral Transitional Care Unit allowing us to place people in it if we have a need/they criteria. It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment to the contract as it allows continuation of essential, mandated services to eligible residents of Nevada County who require 24-hour skilled nursing services for chronic and persistent mental disorders.

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