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

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**MEETING DATE:** November 13, 2018  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the receipt of grant funding from Health Management Associates for the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in County Criminal Justice Systems Learning Collaborative in the maximum amount of \$25,000 for the project period of 10/1/2018 through 12/31/2019.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This is a state grant administered through Health Management Associates, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Budget amendment will be included in the next countywide budget amendment. There are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is an evidence-based substance use disorder treatment that is already widely used within our County, including through our substance use disorder providers, FQHCs, and our County's drug court programs. Currently, the use of MAT in our jail is limited, and the most common treatment method is withdrawal using supportive medication to manage symptoms. This grant will specifically fund the County's participation in four in-person Learning Collaborative sessions and monthly coaching calls to explore the potential expansion of offering Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid addiction in our jail.

The team committed to participating in this Learning Collaborative includes Nevada County Sheriff's Office, Nevada County Executive Office, District Attorney, Behavioral Health, Public Health, Probation, Behavioral Health, and our jail's health provider Correctional Medical Group. The Learning Collaborative project will help our stakeholders understand the benefits, challenges,

and best practices related to implementing and expanding Medication Assisted Treatment within our jail. Funds will also be available to purchase naloxone for treating drug overdoses in jail and in the community. Most importantly, this project provides the resources and opportunity for our team to engage in open discussion from the benefits of MAT to safety concerns within the jail. Nevada County hopes to gain collective education about the evidence behind MAT to better facilitate these internal conversations, and to reach a consensus on the expansion of MAT in our jail with the ultimate goal of reducing opioid overdose deaths, hospitalizations and recidivism in our community.

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