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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 11, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Aurora Behavioral Health – Santa Rosa, LLC for the provision of Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization Services under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 for referred County clients in the maximum amount of \$100,000 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. The contract is supported by Medi-Cal reimbursement and Realignment dollars. There are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: Under this agreement, Aurora Behavioral Health – Santa Rosa LLC (Aurora) will provide 24-hour locked Acute Psychiatric Services for residents of Nevada County who meet criteria for 5150 placement for the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department.

Aurora provides both residential and mental health services to people with serious mental illnesses ages 18 and above. The program utilizes tenets of the Wellness and Recovery, Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment and Modified Therapeutic Community (MTC) treatment models, (Phase One, Two and Four). Contractor's programs are an alternative to locked settings such as a State Hospital, Psychiatric Hospital, an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD), a Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and Jail. The ultimate goal of Contractor's services is to improve each individual's quality of life, to help individuals gain the skills and ability necessary to stay out of locked hospital settings and to move into a less restrictive living arrangement in the community.

Aurora provides services to individuals diagnosed with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Serious Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) whose level of functioning, symptoms, and psychiatric history necessitate service intervention to maintain the individual in community settings. The goal is to assist individuals in IMD levels of care to step-down and transition back into the community with the

support that has been demonstrated to be the most effective, using the Modified Therapeutic Community and Wellness and Recovery models.

This contract has taken a significant amount of time to complete. It was delayed multiple times due to contractor staff turnover, long periods of silence to our inquiries and multiple rounds of updates being requested. Services were provided to our beneficiaries that we need to reimburse them for. It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as it allows for the placement of Nevada County adult clients in need of mental health and residential care services.

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