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

MEETING DATE: August 22, 2023
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Phebe Bell**
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Director of Behavioral Health to accept the Terms and Conditions of the Department of Health Care Services, Providing Access and Transforming Health Supports (PATH) Round 3 Justice-Involved Planning and Capacity Building Program funds for Behavioral Health Agencies in the amount of \$911,840, provisionally awarded on July 13, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This agreement is a grant award offered under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Population Assessment, Treatment, and Health (PATH) Justice-Involved (JI) Capacity Building Round 3 Program. The amount is provisional, and the final amount depends on the funding requested in an implementation plan due no more than 180 days after initial funding is received, or by March 31, 2024, whichever comes first. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The CalAIM PATH JI Capacity Building Round 3 Program is a statewide initiative led by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The primary objective of this program is to address the unique healthcare needs of individuals involved in the justice system, ensuring they receive comprehensive and high-quality care during and after their involvement with the criminal justice system.

Justice-involved individuals often face complex health challenges, including mental health disorders, substance abuse, chronic medical conditions, and social determinants of health that

significantly impact their overall well-being. To address these issues, the CalAIM PATH JI Capacity Building Round 3 Program offers funding opportunities to counties to expand their capacity for providing targeted health services to this vulnerable population.

Both Correctional agencies and Behavioral Health agencies may apply for CalAIM PATH JI Capacity Building Round 3 funds. This item is specific to the funding and operational expectations for Behavioral Health agencies. Through the CalAIM Justice-Involved initiative, and as mandated in AB 133, DHCS will require state prisons, county jails, youth correctional facilities, county behavioral health agencies, and Medi-Cal MCPs to implement processes for facilitated referrals and linkages to continue behavioral health treatment in the community for individuals who receive behavioral health services while incarcerated. These funds will support the planning and implementation of these linkage processes. Required elements include data sharing, release planning, professional-to-professional clinical handoff, follow-up post-release, and oversight and project management. These funds will support the Department in developing the required implementation plan which will address all areas of the initiative.

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