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

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**MEETING DATE:** August 24, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Heritage Oaks Hospital for psychiatric inpatient hospitalization services under Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5150 for referred County clients in the maximum amount of \$160,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are mandated. Funding is provided by Realignments and Medi-Cal reimbursement. Both Medi-Cal and Short-Doyle rates are negotiated and set by the hospital's host county. There are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Heritage Oaks Hospital provides 24-hour locked acute inpatient mental health services for residents of Nevada County who meet criteria for 5150 placement and are deemed appropriate by the County.

Nevada County contracts with two BHC's (Behavioral Health Care) facilities, BHC Sierra Vista Hospital and BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital. Both BHC facilities provide involuntary psychiatric inpatient hospitalization services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries and/or indigent clients. Counties are required to contract with hospitals to provide this higher level of care.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract with BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital to enable continued access for psychiatric inpatient care for Nevada County clients. This

contract will allow the County to provide mandated and medically necessary inpatient services to eligible residents of Nevada County who have a mental illness and /or emotional disturbances that require acute psychiatric hospitalization care.

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