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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Letter of Agreement (LOA) with California Health and Wellness to receive payment through the CalAIM Incentive Program (IPP) for the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program in the maximum amount of \$49,231.26 for the incentive period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The funding is from California Health and Wellness and its affiliate Anthem made available by the California Department of Health Care Services. Nevada County has been awarded a second round of funding in the amount of \$49,231.26 through the CalAIM Incentive Program (IPP) to support implementation of an Enhanced Care Management team. There are not county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND:

CalAIM is a multi-year California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) initiative to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medi-Cal managed care population through the implementation of broad delivery system, program, and payment reforms across the Medi-Cal program. Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is a team-based, in-person care management and care coordination benefit delivered by a network of primary care and community-based entities. To support and expand upon ECM and Community Supports programs, DHCS has implemented the CalAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP). Through this program, Managed Care Plans provide funding to qualified provider organizations to help ECM build the capacity to operate efficiently and provide quality services to Medi-Cal members.

On October 25, 2022, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with California Health and Wellness in order for Nevada County Behavioral Health to receive payment for the first round of funding offered through the CalAIM Incentive Program (IPP) for services including infrastructure and startup support for the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program in the amount of \$48,319.33.

Nevada County Behavioral Health was notified by California Health and Wellness in January that they were awarded additional funds through this second round of IPP payment disbursements. California Health and Wellness awarded round two funding in the amount of \$49,231.26 to be paid in two lump sums: one in the amount of \$36,923.45 upon execution of the LOA, and one sum in the amount of \$12,307.81 upon submission of the final IPP report. This round of IPP funding will specifically support staffing costs to further the development of training and quality assurance measures for the ECM program.

It is recommended that the Board approve this LOA as it allows Nevada County Behavioral Health to more effectively provide Enhanced Care Management services to individuals experiencing homelessness with mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

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