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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of funds from the Department of Health Care Services under the Capacity and Infrastructure, Transition, Expansion and Development (CITED) Program, which is part of the California Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Initiative Round 3 funding, for the purpose of supporting the Enhanced Care Management team in the maximum amount of \$355,663.99 for the term of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026; and authorizing the Director of Behavioral Health to sign this agreement and all related documents through the DHCS portal as required by the state and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2024-25 (4/5 vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The funding is from the California Department of Health Care Services. Nevada County has been awarded \$355,663.99 of CalAIM PATH CITED Round 3 funds to support implementation of an Enhanced Care Management team. A revenue only budget amendment is included. Expenditures are already budgeted for. There are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: On August 30, 2024, Nevada County Behavioral Health was awarded \$355,663.99 in PATH CITED Round 3 funding from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to support further implementation of its ECM team, which provides case management and care coordination services to individuals experiencing homelessness with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. This agreement with DHCS for PATH CITED will specifically support staff salary, enhancement of outreach activities including to individuals transitioning from incarceration, and program monitoring activities.

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. Community Supports (CS) consists of 14 services that Medi-Cal managed care plans can choose to offer members. These programs are intended to prioritize prevention, address social drivers of health, reduce health disparities, and are authorized under the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration and CalAIM Section 1915(b) waiver.

To ensure effective implementation of ECM and Community Supports programs, DHCS has created the CalAIM Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Capacity, Infrastructure, Transition, Expansions and Development (CITED) funds to be invested in these new programs. Through PATH CITED, DHCS is giving grants to qualified provider organizations who are operating ECM and CS programs to build their capacity to operate efficiently and provide quality services to Medi-Cal members.

As part of the grant approval workflow, DHCS has required that all grantees sign the “CITED Terms and Conditions Round 3” in the Grants Connect Portal. The “Terms and Conditions” Document attached to the BOS resolution is a sample document only the digital copy should be substantially similar. Per DHCS, the digital copy will be signed in the portal by the NCBH Director who serves as the grant manager.

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department Director to sign this agreement and all related documents 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.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Behavioral Health Director