

Health and Human Services Agency

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo	
MEETING DATE:	June 24, 2025
TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director
SUBJECT:	Resolution approving Amendment 1 with Aurora Behavioral Healthcare – Santa Rosa, LLC, for the provision of Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization Services under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 for referred County clients, increasing the contract maximum to \$600,000 for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Approve the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: These services are mandated. The contract is supported by Medi-Cal reimbursement and Realignment dollars. The contract was budgeted in fiscal year 2025/26. There are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: On January 14, 2025, per Resolution 25-0028, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Aurora Behavioral Healthcare – Santa Rosa, LLC (Aurora) for the provision of Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization Services under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 for referred County clients. This amendment seeks to increase the total contract amount as the demand for psychiatric placement exceeded the initial budgeted amount and utilization was higher than expected.

Aurora Behavioral Healthcare—Santa Rosa is a locked psychiatric hospital that provides acute care to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis who require stabilization before returning to 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 return the individual to community settings.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment 1, as it allows for the continued placement and payment for services rendered to Nevada County residents in need of locked mental health services.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director