



## Health and Human Services Agency

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### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 3, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No 1 to the contract with BHC Sierra Vista Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Sierra Vista Hospital for psychiatric inpatient hospitalization services to increase the contract price from \$100,000 to \$500,000 (an increase of \$400,000), and extend the contract termination date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are mandated. Funding is provided by Realignments and Medi-Cal reimbursement. Services were budgeted in the department's FY 2025/26 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** On May 28, 2024, per Resolution 24-213, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with BHC Sierra Vista Hospital. Sierra Vista 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 is required to provide acute psychiatric services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in need of a higher level of care than can be met in the community. Due to limited availability of inpatient psychiatric beds statewide, Nevada County contracts with an array of psychiatric hospital facilities in the surrounding area to ensure adequate bed space for our patients. The number of placements at this facility were higher than anticipated. In order to meet the needs of community members in crisis, an amendment is needed to increase the total contract amount and extend the contract term.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment with Sierra Vista Hospital to enable continued access for psychiatric inpatient care for Nevada County clients.

**Approved by:** Phebe Bell, MSW, Behavioral Health Director