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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rebecca Slade

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment Number 1 to the renewal Standard Agreement 13MHSAAC-TG022 with the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAAC) pertaining to the award of Triage Grant funds to the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, to extend the term of the Agreement for one additional year, for a contract term of March 24, 2014 through June 30, 2018 in the maximum amount of \$2,477,628, and authorizing the Behavioral Health Director to sign said Amendment on behalf of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The funds to support this Agreement originate from Senate Bill (SB) 82, the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, which awards state MHSA (Mental Health Service Act) funds to successful applicants to increase capacity for client assistance and services in crisis intervention including the availability of crisis triage personnel, crisis stabilization, crisis residential treatment, rehabilitative mental health services, and mobile crisis support teams. The total maximum amount of this grant cycle, which is being extended to cover a fifth fiscal year, remains unchanged. Funds are included in the 2017/18 Department budget and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved Standard Agreement Number 13MHSAAC-TG022 between the County and the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission for the award of Triage Grant funds to the County Behavioral Health Department on April 4, 2014 for the term of March 24, 2014 through June 30, 2017 per

Resolution No. 14-137. The Amendment 1 before you today, extends the term of the Agreement for one additional year, through June 30, 2018 in order to expend unspent grant funds.

Locally, these funds support contracted crisis intervention workers located on-site at the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital (SNMH) 24/7. Crisis staff has a separate interview room which allows them to conduct assessments and treatment in a more confidential and secure setting.

Additionally, these grant funds support an expansion of hours for SPIRIT's Peer Counselors working under the supervision of the SNMH Emergency Department physician and the Crisis Workers, to provide support to patients and family members through their crisis at the SNMH Emergency Department.

Finally, SB 82 funds additional hours of contracted staff, including Peer Counselors to provide crisis support, counseling and rehabilitative services to individuals who are receiving temporary housing at Nevada County's Respite Care Center, known as the Insight Respite Center.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as the funds received will significantly help to expand and enhance our crisis continuum of care, improve outcomes, and improve access and increased capacity to serve residents affected by mental health disorders.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rebecca Slade, Director of Behavioral Health