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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2017
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Rebecca Slade**
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing execution of a renewal contract with Jackson & Coker Locum Tenens, LLC for the provision of Locum Tenens psychiatry staffing for the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department in the maximum amount of \$80,000 for the contract term of April 25, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Funding is available from Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP), Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Realignment monies. The contract amount is based on the projected needs of the department. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Recruitment of psychiatrists to the county has been extremely difficult due to a national and statewide shortage in the field, increased demand for services, and the competitive and often higher compensation packages offered by the private sector. Due to this shortage of essential psychiatric coverage, Behavioral Health has contracted with Jackson & Coker on an as needed basis since February 2007. Jackson & Coker has been able to place qualified and experienced psychiatrists who in the interim have worked well with clients and staff. This contract is intended to fill a current need for psychiatric coverage for a period of four months, as well as future staffing needs that may arise during the term of the contract. Under this contract the Locum Tenens assignment period will run from May 8, 2017 through September 8, 2017.

By engaging these services, Behavioral Health will ensure that timely client psychiatric services are provided without disruption or delay, including prescribing and monitoring medication,

examination and diagnosis, determination of psychiatric treatment, consultation on difficult cases to clinical staff, and preparation of records and psychiatric evaluation reports.

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