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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for the provision of services including crisis intervention, mobile crisis services, and the operation of a Crisis Stabilization Unit in the maximum amount of \$1,454,000 for the term of July 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are supported by: Guaranteed-bed fees from Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital (SNMH); patient revenues for treatment, including Medi-Cal and private insurance reimbursement; department realignment; BHSA (Behavioral Health Services Act) Funding, Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funding through SAMHSA, and grant funding received through the Sheriff's office. Services are within the Department's FY 2026/27 budget, and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: In March of 2026, through a request for proposal process, a new vendor was selected to provide crisis services beginning in fiscal year 2026-27. The proposed contract encompasses the provision of crisis services through Sierra Mental Wellness Group during this transition period, until the new vendor begins providing direct client crisis services starting on September 1, 2026.

The Department is requesting approval of the contract term with Sierra Mental Wellness Group through September 30, 2026, to ensure continuity of critical crisis services while the County transitions to a newly selected contractor that will perform substantially similar services. The contract term will allow sufficient time for an orderly transition of operations, staffing, and coordination of care to minimize disruption to Nevada County residents and the behavioral health

crisis continuum. The contract includes provision of the following components: Crisis Intervention and Mobile Crisis Services and the Operation of a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), for the transition period of July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, as well as an additional 30 days (through September 30, 2026) to allow for the completion of administrative tasks related to closing out of the contract.

These services remain essential to Nevada County's behavioral health system and include crisis intervention, mobile crisis response, and operation of the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). Continuation of services during the transition period is necessary to maintain uninterrupted access to behavioral health crisis response and stabilization services for community members.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal contract as these contracted services provide an essential resource for Nevada County families and further enhances the crisis continuum of care for residents of Nevada County.

Approved by: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director