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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 8, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement with North Valley Behavioral Health, LLC for acute psychiatric inpatient services at the Contractor's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) to increase the maximum contract price from \$1,325,600 to \$2,405,600 (an increase of \$1,080,000) and revise the Agreement to reflect the increase in contract price for term July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2021/22 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required) (RES 20-242) (RES. 21-067) (RES. 21-395) (RES. 21-433)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Funding for services is from Federal Medi-Cal reimbursement and 1991 and 2011 Realignment funds. A budget amendment is required and included in this Resolution. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution 20-242, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the agreement between the County of Nevada and North Valley Behavioral Health. Through a collaborative effort with Northern California Counties, Mental Health Directors established a 16-bed psychiatric inpatient unit in Yuba City exclusively for rural northern counties' usage. Psychiatric Health Facilities (PHFs) were created in 1978 by the California Legislature to provide a low cost alternative to hospital-based psychiatric care. Nevada County Behavioral Health contracts with North Valley PHF for clients in need of acute inpatient treatment. On March 23, 2021, per Resolution 21-067, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 1, increasing the maximum contract price to \$900,000 and subsequently amended again on September 24, 2021, per Resolution 21-395, increasing the maximum

contract price to \$925,600 and amended again on October 12, 2021, per Resolution 21-433 to \$1,325,600. This increase in contract utilization is due to higher than expected hospitalization rates and lengths of stay at this facility, as well as increased rates. The department contracts with multiple facilities each year but utilization of each specific facility varies based on bed availability and the specific needs of clients.

This Contractor provides a 24-hour inpatient acute care program. Their facility accepts both males and females who are referred from the County who meet the program criteria. The Program is intended for individuals who have a qualified mental health condition or crisis requiring temporary care in a safe and secure environment.

This agreement allows access for Nevada County's clients based on bed availability on a first-come first-serve basis. The program goals are to provide 24-hour Inpatient emergency psychiatric intervention services to adults who have a psychiatric emergency or other qualified condition, to intercede with the psychiatric crisis and stabilize and maintain the mental health condition and improve functioning abilities of the patient.

It is recommended the Board approve this Amendment No. 4 to increase the maximum contract price from \$1,325,600 to \$2,405,600 (an increase of \$1,080,000) to cover the increased number of placements and revise the Agreement to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Behavioral Health Director