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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 13, 2017  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Rebecca Slade**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving Nevada County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation (INN) Five-Year Work Plan *Developing Collaboration to Strengthen the Crisis Continuum of Care* for FY 2017/18 through FY 2021/22 and authorizing the Director of Behavioral Health to sign and submit the Work Plan.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The estimated program expenditure under the County's MHSA Innovation (INN) Five-Year Work Plan *Developing Collaboration to Strengthen the Crisis Continuum of Care* is \$1,000,000 (one million). Anticipated funding for this program includes the MHSA INN allocation and Medi-Cal FPP, realignment, MHSA CSS and PEI funds. The Work Plan does not require any county match or county general fund dollars and is planned for within the departments' budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) adopted by the California electorate on November 2, 2004, increased overall State funding for the community mental health system by imposing a 1% income tax on California residents with more than \$1 million per year in income. The stated intention of the proposition was to "transform" local mental health service delivery systems from a "fail first" model to one promoting intervention, treatment and recovery from mental illness.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1467 included a number of amendments to the Mental Health Services Act, including the establishment of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) who is charged with the oversight of the implementation of the MHSA.

Counties must meet extensive procedural requirements as a prerequisite to drawing down its share of the new tax revenues. Welfare and Institutions Code Section (WIC) § 5847 states that county mental health programs shall prepare and submit their three-year program and expenditure plan, and annual updates, to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. The current components of the MHSA Plan are: Community Services and Support (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Innovation (INN), and Workforce and Training (WET).

The Board of Supervisors approved Nevada County's MHSA Annual Plan Update to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2016/17 and Annual Progress Report for FY 2014/15 on March 2, 2017 per Resolution 17-106. An Innovation Work Plan was not submitted at this time. Nevada County Behavioral Health desires to submit a MHSA Innovation Five-Year Work Plan that will ultimately be integrated into the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan.

The goal of the Innovation component of the MHSA Plan is to develop and implement promising practices designed to increase access to services by un-served and underserved groups, increase the quality of services, improve outcomes, and promote interagency collaboration. The Nevada County Innovation Project's goal is to learn how to develop and implement a coordinated, collaborative crisis (CCC) system that includes several different organizational providers and multiple agencies to meet the needs of clients needing this enhanced level of services. Learning how to improve coordination across these providers will help reduce barriers to services; reduce inefficiency and duplication of services; and improve client outcomes and system performance. Through these Innovation funds, we will learn how to develop and improve interagency partnerships, identify clear criteria for admission and release from each level of crisis service in the continuum, and train stakeholders and allied agencies to make timely referrals to the appropriate agency. This will help promote recovery and wellness by making sure the client has support in resolving a crisis in the least restrictive setting.

It is recommended the Board approve Nevada County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation (INN) Five-Year Work Plan *Developing Collaboration to Strengthen the Crisis Continuum of Care* as through this collaboration and integration of services, clients will benefit by receiving the right level and intensity of services, at the right time to meet their needs. Also, by improving the referral and coordination of the crisis service delivery system, clients will experience improved outcomes.

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