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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2016
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Rebecca Slade**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for the provision of services and programs for residents in Eastern Nevada County identified as Nevada County Behavioral Health clients in the maximum amount of \$32,000 for Fiscal Year 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The contract is supported by Realignment, Medi-Cal reimbursement, and MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) Funding. Services are budgeted and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Under this Agreement, the contractor provides a comprehensive model of personal service coordination to Eastern Nevada County Medi-Cal adults or uninsured adults who have a serious mental illness and are clients of Nevada County Behavioral Health. The ongoing caseload of qualified adults to be served under this agreement is estimated to be 5 – 10 individuals.

Services include Case Management/Personal Service Coordination, including linkage and brokerage services; Crisis Intervention; and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Outreach and Engagement.

The Personal Service Coordinator services include:

- Ensuring client's treatment needs are met

- Provision of linkage to formal and informal supports
- Assistance to ensure access to health services
- Assistance in locating and maintaining housing
- Assistance with developing job skills, locating job opportunities and supporting the clients in their work experience.

The Personal Service Coordinator also attends court hearings with individuals to advocate on their behalf for mental health treatment, rather than jail time when appropriate. Outreach and advocacy includes establishing positive relationships with the Public Defender's Office and attorneys.

These contract services are based on a client and family centered philosophy of doing as much as possible to assist individuals diagnosed with serious mental illness to lead independent, meaningful and productive lives.

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