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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 28, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the execution of a contract with Crow's Nest Ranch Outpatient, LLC for the provision of outpatient individual and group rehabilitative treatment services, and recovery services, for Medi-Cal beneficiaries for the recovery and treatment of alcohol/drug dependency in the maximum amount of \$100,000 for the contract term of September 23, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is provided through Drug Medi-Cal Federal reimbursement, and 2011 Realignment. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: In September of 2024, Nevada County Behavioral Health (NCBH) received formal notice that Granite Wellness Centers (GWC), our only Substance Use Disorder (SUD) provider in Eastern County, intended to close their facility by November 1, 2024. As a result of this, Truckee, CA. residents needing SUD services would need to travel to Western County, which was unfeasible for most individuals. In Nevada County, the need for another SUD provider is particularly pressing due to the county's rural geography, limited healthcare infrastructure, and the growing prevalence of SUD-related issues. With residents spread across a vast area, many individuals face significant barriers to accessing treatment, including long travel distances and few local resources. This results in individuals with SUD often going untreated, leading to worsening mental health, increased hospitalizations, and higher rates of incarceration.

This new contract with Crow's Nest Ranch, LLC will include outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment for adolescents and adults. Outpatient services are counseling, group counseling, collateral, and care coordination services provided to members (up to 9 hours a week for adults, and less than 6 hours a week for adolescents). Intensive Outpatient services are structured programming including individual counseling, group counseling, collateral services, and care coordination provided to members for a minimum of 9 hours per week up to 19 hours per week.

Crow's Nest Ranch, LLC provides a holistic treatment approach that is designed to empower individuals to achieve long-term sobriety and a fulfilling life. Evidence-based therapies are combined with community-focused supports to prioritize well-being and accountability. A dedicated SUD provider in Truckee will not only offer crucial treatment options close to home, but will also help alleviate strain on emergency services and reduce the cycle of SUD. By investing in a local provider, the County can improve recovery outcomes, reduce stigma surrounding addiction, and foster a healthier, more resilient community, ultimately benefiting public safety and overall quality of life.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract, as these services will establish a comprehensive system for SUD intervention, assessment, treatment, and recovery. This cohesive approach will significantly improve the well-being of individuals and families, supporting them in achieving and maintaining healthier, more fulfilling lives.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director