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

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**MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Partnership Health Plan of California for coordination of care with the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System of Nevada County Behavioral Health which will automatically renew at 1-year intervals until either party terminates the agreement.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) does not include any financial commitments beyond the provision of already required services. This MOU has no impact on county general funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Nevada County Behavioral Health Department operates mental health and substance use services within the Medi-Cal system under an agreement with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS.) One aspect of this contract is the requirement that NCBH enter into a MOU with any Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans that operate within our County. Currently Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) is the only managed care plan in our jurisdiction.

The goal of the MOU is to clarify roles and responsibilities between NCBH and PHC to ensure positive health outcomes for Nevada County Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Specific expectations in the MOU cover care coordination, data sharing for improved care, and referral processes between organizations. DHCS states that the MOU is intended to improve transparency and accountability by setting forth the obligations of each party as it relates to service or care delivery and coordination so that each party is aware of what the other party may be required to do.

This MOU is a requirement from DHCS and includes the following mandated areas of agreement:

- Set forth contract components required by the MHP and MCP contracts, and Cal. Code Regs. tit. 9 § 1810.370;
- Clarify roles and responsibilities for coordination of the delivery of care and MHP and MCP services of all members;
- Establish negotiated and agreed upon processes for how MHPs and MCPs will collaborate and coordinate on population health and other programs and initiatives;
- Memorialize what data will be shared between MHPs and MCPs and how data will be shared to support care coordination and enable monitoring;
- Provide public transparency into relationships and roles/responsibilities between MHPs and MCPs; and
- Provide mechanisms for the parties to resolve disputes and ensure overall oversight and accountability under the MOU.

Additional requirements include regular meetings between NCBH and PHC staff and regular reporting to the state on the effectiveness of the agreement. Ultimately this agreement guides the provision of Drug Medi-Cal-Organized Delivery System services alongside the provision of Managed Care Plan physical health care and moderate/mild mental health services so that all services are provided in a coordinated and non-duplicative way.

It is recommended that the Board approve this MOU as it allows comprehensive and coordinated comprehensive health care for Nevada County Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

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