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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment 1 to the contract with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC. for the provision of a Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) outpatient Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) for referred clients of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department to increase the maximum contract price from \$570,000 to \$680,000 (an increase of \$110,000), revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for FY 2021/22 and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 21/22 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required) (RES 21-318).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Narcotic Treatment Program services are mandatory under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver, which Nevada County implemented on July 1, 2018. These services are funded by Federal Drug Medi-Cal and State 2011 Realignment. A budget amendment is required and is included in this Resolution. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: On July 27, 2021, per Resolution 21-318, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC. for the provision of a Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) outpatient Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) for referred clients of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department.

Substance Use Disorder is a significant issue in California and in Nevada County specifically. Abuse of alcohol and other drugs impacts not only the user, but also their children, family and community. Opioid Use Disorder is a significant challenge for our community. While the rate of opioid prescriptions has decreased significantly in Nevada County, the opioid overdose death rate in Nevada County significantly exceeds the state rates. Medication Assisted Treatment program and Narcotic Treatment Program are the medical standard of care for individuals with Opioid Use Disorders.

Under this contract, Aegis Treatment Centers are to provide Narcotic Treatment Program and Medication Assisted Treatment Services. These services include comprehensive assessments, treatment planning, individual and group counseling, administration of initial and maintenance doses of medications for new and ongoing patients, treatment of pregnant clients, urinalysis testing, and discharge planning. Nevada County clients have weekly medical appointments at Aegis Treatment Center in Marysville, CA. Clients then can obtain their medications at Medication Unit located in Grass Valley according to the frequency indicated by their individualized treatment plan. Due to the increased outreach activities and care coordination services for individuals with Substance Use Disorders in Nevada County, the number of Nevada County beneficiaries accessing these needed services continue to increase thus necessitating an amendment to increase the contract maximum.

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors approve this Amendment 1 to the contract.

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