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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Ramona Beresford-Howe, Psy.D. for services related to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) conservatorship assessments to increase the contract to \$75,000 for the current contract term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.(PESS4966)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by 1991 Mental Health Subaccount realignment dollars and Department of State Hospital Violence Risk Assessment grant funds. There are no General Fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: On July 16, 2024, per Purchasing Order PESS4966, the Nevada County Purchasing Agent approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Ramona Beresford-Howe, Psy.D. for services related to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) conservatorship in Nevada County. This contract was amended on July 7, 2025 to increase the contract maximum and extend the contract term.

Contractor has been leveraged to conduct Historical Clinical Risk Management 20 (HCR 20) interviews, complete subsequent reports and provide associated testimony. This service has been utilized by the Department to aid in the work of the forensics team to provide specialized services. The frequency of need for this service is projected to exceed the contract maximum for this fiscal year, requiring a financial amendment.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director