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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** July 27, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal 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 in the maximum amount of \$570,000 for FY 2021/22.

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**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. Services are within the Department's FY 21/22 budget and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** 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 and engagement efforts around Substance Use Disorders and available services, the number of Nevada County beneficiaries who meet criteria for these medically necessary services continues to increase thus necessitating an amendment to increase the contract maximum.

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors approve this contract as these services are critical for the treatment of Nevada County beneficiaries with Opioid Use Disorders.

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