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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a Personal 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 in the maximum amount of \$138,437 for FY 2019/20.

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 19/20 budget and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Substance abuse 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 abuse is a significant challenge for our community, with the rate of opioid prescriptions as well as opioid overdose hospitalizations exceeding the state rate significantly. Narcotic Treatment Programs have for many years been providing treatment to individuals affected by an Opioid Use Disorder.

On July 28, 2017, the Department of Health Care Services issued Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice No. 17-036 which mandates that all counties in

California are expected to establish contractual arrangements, when necessary, to ensure that the county where the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) beneficiary resides is financially responsible to pay for any DMC entitlement services being provided to its residents by another county. Narcotic Replacement Therapy, provided by a Narcotic Treatment Provider, is a DMC entitlement service.

On August 13, 2015 the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the request to amend California's section 1115 Demonstration Project, entitled California Bridge to Reform Demonstration. This amendment authorizes the state to test a new organized delivery of health care services for Medicaid eligible individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD). This pilot was approved for 5.5 years until June 30, 2020. The Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) provides a continuum of care modeled after the American Society of Addiction Medicine Criteria for substance use disorder treatment services.

Counties that are opting into the DMC-ODS are required to contract with an organization that provides a Narcotic Treatment Program. Nevada County went live in the DMC-ODS on July 1, 2018. Aegis Treatment Centers has full clinic locations in Marysville and Roseville. Nevada County beneficiaries are receiving Opioid Use Disorder medication Assisted Treatment and counselling at both sites. In May 2018, Aegis opened a Medication Unit in Grass Valley. Nevada County Beneficiaries that have become stable on their medication and are compliant with treatment can transfer their treatment services from Roseville and Marysville to the Grass Valley Medication Unit. This contract allows Nevada County Medi-Cal beneficiaries to access services in any of these locations.

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors approve this agreement as these services are mandated pursuant to opting into the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System and will enable Nevada County clients to receive Narcotic Treatment Program services locally.

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