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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution recommending Recover Medical Group for selection by the

Nevada County Board of Supervisors as Eastern County's DUI Program

provider as well as recommendation for licensure

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: There is no funding component with this Resolution. Once Recover Medical Group (RMG) is licensed and operational, funding for the County's oversight and monitoring of the program will come from RMG paying a 5% of total gross revenues to the County as cited in Health and Safety Code Section 9878. Participant Fees and in accordance with Section 9801.5.

<u>BACKGROUND:</u> The Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) has issued two licenses for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) programming in Nevada County. Both licenses, one in Western County, and one in Eastern Country, have traditionally been held by Granite Wellness Centers (GWC).

In September of 2024, Nevada County Behavioral Health (NCBH) received formal notice that GWC intended to close their facility in Truckee, CA, located in Eastern County by November 1, 2024. As a result of this, NCBH initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP No. 192272) process, to secure a replacement provider for the Eastern side of the County. RMG was selected to provide DUI programming in Truckee, CA as a result of that RFP process, and will need to apply for licensure.

As a condition of licensure, applicants such as RMG are required to submit a recommendation from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to be included with their application to DHCS. This resolution or minute order must include the recommendation of licensure, including a statement from the Board indicating there is a demonstrated need for a new DUI program and the establishment of an additional program will not jeopardize the fiscal integrity of existing licensed DUI programs.

Such need shall be based on criteria including, "the voluntary or involuntary de-licensure of an existing program" per Title 9, Section 9805(a)(1)(C). As GWC has voluntarily closed their Truckee location and has relinquished their license to DHCS, there is no risk of fiscal harm to this provider.

The eventual contract with RMG will allow for First Offender and Multiple Offender Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Programs as defined and in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Division 4, Chapter 3, "Programs for Alcohol and Drug Impaired Drivers." It will provide services to target populations such as persons arrested for DUI or referred by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and by the Nevada County Superior Court as a condition of probation, or transfers from State approved programs in other California counties, or those pleading guilty to or pleading nolo contendere to "wet reckless" driving.

It is recommended the BOS approve this resolution supporting the selection of RMG as our new DUI Program provider, so necessary services can resume in Eastern County.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Behavioral Health Director