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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2016
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Rebecca Slade**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #4 to the Contract with North Valley Behavioral Health (NVBH), LLC to increase the contract maximum obligation from \$565,000 to \$640,000 (an increase of \$75,000) for Fiscal Year 2015/16 for acute psychiatric inpatient services at the Contractor's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and directing the Auditor Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/16 (4/5 vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Funding for services is from Federal Medi-Cal reimbursement, County Medical Service Program (CMSP), and 1991 and 2011 Realignment funds. A budget Amendment is included and requires a 4/5 vote by the Board Members. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No. 14-008, the Board approved the contract with North Valley Behavioral Health, LLC for acute psychiatric inpatient services, and per Resolution No. 14-144; 14-490; and 15-487 the contract was subsequently amended each time to increase the maximum obligation. Since 2014, the department has become increasingly reliant on this facility in preference to other facilities for medically necessary inpatient services for Nevada County clients. This Amendment #4 is required in order to sustain the contract at the level needed to meet the expected treatment requirements of county residents for the remainder of this fiscal year.

North Valley Behavioral Health through a collaborative effort with Northern California County Mental Health Directors established a 16-bed psychiatric inpatient unit in Yuba City exclusively

for rural northern counties' usage. Psychiatric Health Facilities (PHFs) were created in 1978 by the California Legislature to provide a low cost alternative to hospital-based psychiatric care.

NVBH's PHF provides a 24-hour inpatient acute care program. This facility accepts both males and females who are referred from the County who meet the program criteria. It is intended for individuals who have a qualified mental health condition or crisis requiring temporary care in a safe and secure environment. This agreement allows access for Nevada County's clients based on bed availability on a first-come first-serve basis. The program goals are to provide 24-hour Inpatient emergency psychiatric intervention services to adults who have a psychiatric emergency or other qualified condition, to intercede with the psychiatric crisis and stabilize and maintain the mental health condition and improve functioning abilities of the patient.

It is recommended that the Amendment be approved to help ensure adequate availability options for eligible county residents to receive necessary inpatient psychiatric treatment.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rebecca Slade, MFT - Behavioral Health Director