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### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** December 16, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a new contract with Diane Kecskes, M.D. for direct clinical and other psychiatric services for clients of Nevada County Behavioral Health Department for the term of October 14, 2025 through June 30, 2027 the maximum contract shall not exceed \$131,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and shall not exceed \$179,000 for Fiscal Year 2026/27 for a total 2-year maximum of \$310,000.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** These services are mandated. Funding is available from Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP) and Realignment. Services are within the Department's budget. There are no county general funds required in the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The Behavioral Health Department has had increased need for psychiatrist services and has contracted through Jackson and Coker for these services. Dr. Diane Kecskes was assigned to our County by Jackson and Coker and the Department now wishes to contract directly with her. This arrangement will be less expensive for the Department and will increase our ability to retain Dr. Kecskes's services for our clients. While Behavioral Health is paying Jackson and Coker a onetime finder's fee in order to bring on Dr. Kecskes, over time this direct contract will provide a cost savings to the County as Behavioral Health will no longer be paying a daily administrative fee to Jackson and Coker.

This contract for Dr. Diane Kecskes is to provide psychiatric services for the County's Behavioral Health Department. Under this agreement, the Contractor will provide approximately two days per week of direct clinical psychiatric services including the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of clients receiving County Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services. The

Contractor determines therapeutic and medication needs, develops treatment plans, participates in case conferences, consults with clinical staff regarding support services, placement and treatment options, prescribes and administers medications, and provides conservatorship evaluations as needed by the County.

It is recommended that the attached contract be approved as the services provided will help to ensure adequate psychiatric coverage for the department.

**Approved by:** Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director