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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:** August 26, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the services contract between Nevada County Behavioral Health and EVALCORP to assist in the Community Planning Process for the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Integrated Plan, compile data, assist with the completion of the Three-Year Integrated Plan, and advise on the development of a Request for Proposal process for BHSA funding distribution to contracted providers for the contract term of July 17, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the maximum amount of \$132,700 and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2025/26 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This contract is funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds received by the department. A budget amendment is required and included in this Resolution. The agreement does not require any county match or county general fund dollars.

**BACKGROUND:** The Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63 or MHSA), approved by California voters on November 2, 2004, increased state funding for community mental health services by imposing a 1% income tax on individuals earning over \$1 million annually. In March 2024, voters passed Proposition 1, which seeks to transform behavioral health care in California by prioritizing services for individuals with significant mental health needs, expanding substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, enhancing housing interventions, and growing the behavioral health workforce. The Behavioral Health Services Act (SB 326), which will replace the MHSA by July 2026, reflects these changes.

The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) requires counties to submit three-year Integrated Plans (IPs) for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes. Whereas the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan required under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) focused exclusively on MHSA dollars, the BHSA establishes the IP to serve as a three-year prospective global spending plan that describes how county behavioral health departments plan to use all available behavioral health funding, including BHSA, 1991 and 2011 Realignment, federal grant programs, federal

financial participation from Medi-Cal, opioid settlement funds, local funding, and other funding to meet statewide and local outcome measures, reduce disparities, and address the unmet need in their community.

IPs require counties to conduct a thorough data-informed local service planning process and provide transparency into county planning for expending BHSA funding and all other behavioral health funding sources overseen by counties. To facilitate this process, Nevada County Behavioral Health engaged in a procurement process through a request for proposals, and EVALCORP was selected as the partnering firm to facilitate the BHSA community planning process. Through this contract, EVALCORP will facilitate a comprehensive community planning process including conducting focus groups and key informant interviews, surveys, and/or data analysis. EVALCORP will develop a comprehensive needs assessment summary of findings which will inform the NCBH BHSA Plan for FY 26/27 through FY 28/29. Additionally, EVALCORP will advise NCBH in the development of a Request for Proposal process for Behavioral Health funding for programming in the winter of 2025. Finally, EVALCORP will assist NCBH in completing selected sections of the BHSA Integrated Plan.

The Behavioral Health Department respectfully requests that the Board approve the contract with EVALCORP as the community planning process is a regulatorily mandated process of the BHSA Integrated Plan, and will identify community behavioral health needs to inform County Behavioral Health programming and expenditures from FY 26/27 through FY 28/29.

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