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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** January 25, 2022

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment 1 with NAMI NEVADA COUNTY for services including Family Support and Navigation Services to increase the contract price from \$23,359 to \$53,359 (an increase of \$30,000), revise Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to incorporate one-time purchases of program supplies and amend Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the contract term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. (PESP4317)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) monies made available to Nevada County for the PEI (Prevention and Early Intervention) component of Nevada County's MHSA Plan. A budget amendment will be included in the County Wide Budget Amendment to cover this increase. There are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 10, 2021 per Purchase Order PESP4317, the Nevada County Purchasing Agent executed a contract with NAMI Nevada County to provide Family Support and Navigation Services as a component of the County's Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan. NAMI Nevada County (NAMI NC) was incorporated in 1985 as the Nevada County Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Inc., a non-profit with specific purposes that included: promoting the general welfare and better treatment for those with mental illnesses, collecting and disseminating information regarding mental illness; informing the public regarding mental health services and needs; working to reduce the stigma of mental illness, and promoting greater understanding and support for families who provide care and assistance. NAMI NC has been true to that beginning throughout the past 35 years.

NAMI will provide family support and education that includes community system navigation for families who are struggling in understanding and accessing services in the forensic, education, social services, and treatment arenas. Mental health navigation is a growing field especially for mental health consumers. Families whose loved ones are not able to navigate systems due to their health conditions need help in learning what is often unfamiliar systems. When families learn and can help supportively, their family member who is struggling does better.

This amendment will support one-time purchases due to higher than anticipated MHSA revenues in FY 20/21. One-time purchases will include laptops, iPads, printers, projector and accessories, software, and program education materials.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as it provides support, navigation, and education for families of individuals with mental illness.

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