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

MEETING DATE: August 20, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Phebe Bell**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving direct pay of \$37,904 of psychiatric inpatient hospital services provided to Nevada County beneficiaries at Sutter Valley Hospitals D/B/A Sutter Center for Psychiatry from July 2022 through June 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. These services are supported by Mental Health 1991 Realignment. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Sutter Valley Hospitals D/B/A Sutter Center for Psychiatry provides psychiatric inpatient hospital services to eligible beneficiaries referred and authorized for services by the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department. The Contractor assumes full responsibility for the provision of all psychiatric inpatient hospital services, including short-term evaluation and treatment for adults who are experiencing acute symptoms of major mental illnesses pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150.

We are seeking Board approval to direct pay invoices to Sutter Center for Psychiatry in the amount of \$37,904 for services provided from July 2022 to June 2023. The Department has attempted to negotiate a contract with the facility but has been unsuccessful. Direct pay for these services is allowed under immediate need institutional care in Appendix A of the County's Accounts Payable Disbursement Policy and Procedures, but due to the age of the invoices the Department is seeking Board approval.

The contract renewal process with this vendor was started in April 2022. In August of 2022 the final version of the contract was sent to contractor for approval via Adobe sign. The contractor did not sign the contract and the Department was unsuccessful in having them do so despite multiple follow-up attempts. Therefore, the Department must seek approval to direct pay these invoices.

It is recommended that the Board approve this resolution authorizing the Auditor Controllers office to direct pay \$37,904 of services provided in Fiscal Year 22/23 to ensure Behavioral Health is able to continue to place individuals at this facility to receive these critical services.

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