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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** May 10, 2022

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for the provision of services in relation to crisis intervention, community client services, and services relating to the operation of a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) to increase the maximum contract price from \$2,599,860 to \$2,770,877 (an increase of \$171,017), revise Exhibit "A", Schedule of Services to reflect an expansion of Mobile Crisis services and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (RES 21-256) (RES. 21-482)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Contract services are supported by: Guaranteed-bed fees from Sierra Nevada Memorial- Miners Hospital (SNMH); patient revenues for treatment including Medi-Cal and private insurance reimbursement; department realignment; MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) Funding; Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funding made available through the Sheriff's Department; and the California Department of Health Care Services Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) grant. Budget amendment is included with the Behavioral Health board item to accept the grant funding this expansion. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement. Budget amendment covering this contract amendment is being included with the CCMU contract with Advocates for Human Potential going to the BOS on 5/10/22.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 22, 2021, per Resolution 21-256, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Sierra Mental Wellness

Group for the following components: Crisis Intervention and Community Client Services; and Services in Relation to the Operation of a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and was subsequently amended on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 per Resolution No. 21-482 to increase the maximum contract price and reflect an expansion of Mobile Crisis services.

This Amendment will add a 1.0 FTE Youth Crisis Specialist to the Mobile Crisis Team program, expanding the total number of Mobile Crisis Specialists from 2.0 FTE to 3.0 FTE. This additional 1.0 FTE will expand coverage and availability of mobile crisis services in Nevada County while providing a focus on youth crisis intervention. The primary function of the Youth Crisis Specialist will be to respond to crisis calls involving youth at local schools and community-based organizations. They will provide crisis assessment, de-escalation, and safety planning and referral to appropriate level of care or services. Funding for this additional position will be primarily provided through the Crisis Care Mobile Units grant that was recently awarded to Nevada County Behavioral Health. This amendment will also add a 0.5 FTE Mobile Crisis Clinical Team Lead to provide clinical and administrative supervision of the Mobile Crisis Specialists. Finally, this amendment will provide funding for SMWG to purchase two vehicles to support mobile crisis services in Grass Valley and in Truckee.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 2 as these contracted services provides an essential resource for Nevada County families and further enhances the crisis continuum of care for residents of Nevada County.

**Item initiated and approved by:** Phebe Bell, MSW – Director of Behavioral Health