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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 14, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Standard Agreement No. 17-94600 with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the County's operation of the Mental Health Plan MHP).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. Pursuant to Agreement No. 17-94600 for providing medically necessary services for Nevada County beneficiaries, the Behavioral Health Department receives Realigned dollars including formerly separate State Managed Care and EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) funding and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-cal reimbursement. No county general fund dollars are required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Mental Health Services are delivered in the Medi-Cal program through a system of public and private providers, distinct from physical health Medi-Cal services. With few exceptions, each California County operates its own Mental Health Plan for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. In discharging our obligation under the agreement, the department must administer and provide or arrange and pay (contract with providers) for covered services for beneficiaries. The Behavioral Health Department determines whether a beneficiary is eligible for services based upon certain diagnostic and impairment criteria. Behavioral Health authorizes services and ensures the availability and accessibility of an adequate number of institutional facilities, service sites, professional, allied and supportive personnel to provide medically necessary services, and ensures authorization for urgent conditions.

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