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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the execution of Amendment #1 to the Nevada County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FYs 20/21, 21/22, and 22/23.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The estimated program expenditures for implementing the MHSA Three-Year Plan are \$5,634,741 for FY 20/21; \$5,766,293 for FY 21/22; and \$5,772,155 for FY 22/23. Program expenditures will be supported by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds. MHSA funds may only be used to establish or expand services for approved plan components and may not be used to supplant funding for programs existing prior to the enactment of MHSA. The Proposed Plan does not require any county match or county general fund dollars and is planned for within the Department's existing budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) adopted by the California electorate on November 2, 2004, increased overall State funding for the community mental health system by imposing a 1% income tax on California residents with more than \$1 million per year in income. The stated intention of the proposition was to "transform" local mental health service delivery systems from a "fail first" model to one promoting intervention, treatment and recovery from mental illness. A key strategy in the act was the prioritization of prevention and early intervention services to reduce the long-term adverse impacts of untreated, serious mental illness on individuals, families and state and local budgets. Every three years, counties must develop and submit a three-year plan that serves as a strategic roadmap for MHSA funding, in addition to a progress report summarizing program evaluation outcomes.

On June 9, 2020, the Board approved the Nevada County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FY 2020/2021 through FY 2022/2023 Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan and Annual Progress Report for FY 2018/19 per Resolution 20-217. This proposed amendment incorporates the following changes:

1. Based on findings from a recent Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Program review, this amendment includes the full text of approved and active Innovation Plans as opposed to a summary.
2. Due to savings from the original Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement (HOME) Team Innovation budget for master-leased housing, this amendment proposes to fund the HOME Team Supervisor through the HOME Team Innovation budget instead of Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI). There is no overall change to the original HOME Team budget or scope of the HOME Team Innovation project.
3. Added Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Stigma and Discrimination Reduction program that was omitted in error in original plan: Youth Empowerment (Eastern County Only) - \$9,682 annual budget
4. Adjusted budget numbers based on most up-to-date information; increased OSHPD contribution amount for the regional Workforce, Education, and Training (WET) program, and increased CalMHSA contribution amount for the regional suicide prevention hotline.

Amendment #1 to the Nevada County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FYs 20/21, 21/22, and 22/23 was shared with numerous stakeholders and community members including the MHSA Steering Committee, Mental Health Board, and our e-mail subscribers, consisting of over 150 interested individuals ranging from family members, consumers/program participants, and community based organizations to staff from various county departments. A Notice of Public Comment Period was posted from September 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020, and the proposed Amendment has been available on the County website for review and comments. The final public hearing was held at our local Mental Health Board meeting on October 2, 2020 where the Mental Health Board approved the proposed amendment.

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