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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 15, 2020

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with County of Yolo via its Health and Human Services Agency (Yolo) for the Data Driven Recovery Project, focusing on the behavioral health issues of those in the criminal justice system. and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required). This amendment allows the department to receive funding of \$60,000 to support work addressing the intersection of criminal justice and behavioral health needs.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by state dollars for the Data Driven Recovery project, with Yolo County serving as the fiscal agent. A budget amendment is required and is included in this Resolution. This Amendment to the MOU has no impact on county general funds.

BACKGROUND:

Nevada County is a participating county in the Data Driven Recovery Project (DDRP), funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The goals of DDRP are to bring together stakeholders and decision makers to have maximum impact on a) understanding the prevalence of behavioral health issues of those in the criminal justice system, b) developing strategies for positive impact on these issues, and c) increasing the connection between behavioral clients and treatment. The DDRP offers an opportunity to utilize Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation funding awarded by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

(MHSOAC) to identify ways to overcome barriers and increase data linkages across systems to answer two fundamental questions: (1) How many people in jail have behavioral health needs? and (2) How many of those people were actively receiving behavioral health services at the time of booking?

Through this MOU, Nevada County will have access to consultation services with O'Connell Research, who provides technical assistance with needs-mapping, data analysis, and technical assistance. DDRP funds are also available to participating counties through this MOU to support staffing for the DDRP or the development of pilot programs shown to have promise from the data analysis as demonstrated through the DDRP County Work Plans. Nevada County intends to use the DDRP funds primarily to support a mobile crisis team pilot program.

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