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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2021

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

Phebe Bell FROM:

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing execution of Professional Services Contract

with Sutter Valley Hospitals D/B/A Sutter Center for Psychiatry for the provision of psychiatric inpatient hospital services in the maximum contract amount \$94,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2019 through

June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are mandated. The contract is supported by Behavioral Health's 2011 Realignment funds for Managed Care, Medi-Cal reimbursement, and 1991 Realignment as needed for referred uninsured indigent clients. 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.

This contract is significantly late in being finalized due primarily to staffing challenges faced by the contractor. Since it has taken over a year for us to get this contract enacted, we are making this a three year contract to avoid delay for FY 21-22. Treatment beds are difficult to attain and therefore we need to continue this contract to help ensure we are able to place individuals at the correct treatment level.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Contract to allow for placement of Behavioral Health's most acute cases so that these individuals can receive these critical services.

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