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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Personal Services Contract with BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Heritage Oaks Hospital for psychiatric inpatient hospitalization services under Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5150 for referred County clients, increasing the maximum Contract Amount to \$136,049 (an increase of \$76,049) due to an unanticipated increase in services for the contract term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are mandated. Funding is provided by Realignments and Medi-Cal reimbursement. Both Medi-Cal and Short-Doyle rates are negotiated and set by the hospital's host county. No budget amendment is needed and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Per Resolution 19-397, which was subsequently amended on April 28, 2020 per Resolution 20-129 and amended again on August 25, 2020 per Resolution 20-368, BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Heritage Oaks Hospital provides 24-hour locked acute inpatient mental health services for residents of Nevada County who meet criteria for 5150 placement and are deemed appropriate by the County.

Nevada County contracts with two BHC's (Behavioral Health Care) facilities, BHC Sierra Vista Hospital and BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital.

This amendment is based on admissions into this facility, based on federal requirements of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), related to involuntary

hospitalizations of Medi-Cal recipients who directly walk into the facility. The County is responsible for payment of these inpatient services. This contract increase is needed due to increased demand for these services.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment with BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital to enable continued access for psychiatric inpatient care for Nevada County clients.

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