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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** October 12, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with St. Helena Hospital d/b/a Adventist Health St. Helena for the provision of acute psychiatric inpatient hospitalization services in the maximum amount of \$100,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** These services are mandated. The contract is supported by Behavioral Health's, Medi-Cal reimbursement and by both 1991 and 2011 Realignments as needed for referred uninsured indigent clients. The contract maximum is based on the department's projected usage and historical usage of services. Services are budgeted within the department's FY 2021/22 budget and there are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Under this contract, St. Helena Hospital provides involuntary psychiatric hospitalization and psychiatric inpatient services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries and/or indigent clients. Behavioral Health contracts with two Adventist Health subsidiary hospitals in Northern California: Adventist Health St. Helena in Napa County and Adventist Health Vallejo in Solano County. St. Helena's adult inpatient program provides short-term evaluation and treatment for adults who are experiencing acute symptoms of major mental illnesses. Under Managed Care, counties are required to contract with hospitals, which have previously provided a significant amount of resident Fee-For-Services Medi-Cal inpatient services. Adventist Health St. Helena is a designated hospital for Nevada County's Behavioral Health Department.

Demand for inpatient psychiatric beds statewide continues to rise. Nevada County is no exception to this trend. Nevada County's increase in hospitalization costs is based not only on an increase in number of admissions, but also on the total of inpatient days being utilized to meet county client's needs.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal contract as it allows continuation of essential, mandated services for medically necessary inpatient services to eligible residents of Nevada County who have a mental illness and/or emotional disturbances that require acute psychiatric hospitalization services.

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