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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Health Management Associates (HMA) to release up to \$50,000 of grant funds, authorizing the Behavioral Health Director to sign and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend Behavioral Health Department's Budget for FY 2021/22. (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The execution of the MOU will authorize the release of up to \$50,000 of grant funds administered through Health Management Associates in partnership with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). There are no County general funds required. A budget amendment is included with this item.

BACKGROUND:

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is an evidence-based substance use disorder treatment that already widely used in our county. The California Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Project seeks to expand the use of MAT in the county jail. Nevada County staff have already participated in learning collaboratives to support the implementation of MAT in our county jail through previous grants from HMA and the jail has implemented processes to initiate MAT to eligible detainees while in the jail.

The Behavioral Health Department has been working with Health Management Associates to implement strategies to increase access to MAT. The Department submitted an application for the grant funding that has been approved for the period of July 23, 2021 through August 31, 2022 pending the execution of this MOU. The execution of this MOU will release grant funding that will allow the Behavioral Health Department to continue to support MAT clients

transitioning from the jail to the community via the following activities:

- Jail to Community linkage and follow up
- Build outcome measures to track MAT recipient engagement in community treatment and recidivism upon release
- Naloxone Distribution
- Data tracking and analysis
- Collaboration and data sharing with Criminal Justice partners

It is recommended that the Board approve the execution of the MOU between the Behavioral Health Department and Health Management Associates as it releases grant funding to continue MAT expansion activities in the county jail.

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