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

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**MEETING DATE:** November 16, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution accepting funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) grant to increase peer support staffing within the County Behavioral Health System from September 30, 2021 to September 29, 2023 in the maximum amount of \$1,000,000.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The funding is from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Nevada County Behavioral Health has been awarded \$1,000,000 to partner with Turning Point Community Programs to expand peer based services. A budget amendment will be submitted either through the county wide budget amendment process or when the contract with Turning Point is processed. There are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of this program is to enable community mental health centers to support and restore the delivery of clinical services that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and effectively address the needs of individuals with serious emotional disturbance (SED), serious mental illness (SMI), and individuals with SMI or SED and substance use disorders, referred to as co-occurring disorder (COD).

Through the CMHC grant, Nevada County Behavioral Health will partner with Turning Point Community Programs to grow the use of peers within the behavioral health workforce, and will expand clinical and case management capacity. Specifically, the grant will fund 1 Case Manager and 2 Peer Support Specialists to be embedded in the Nevada County Behavioral Health case management team. The grant will also fund a Peer Family Advocate to provide support to families of individuals with serious mental illness receiving Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) services or Full Service Partnership (FSP) services from Turning Point Community Programs, as well as a Clinical Team Lead

to serve as the Project Director for the grant and oversee key grant positions. Additionally, the grant provides funding for two Nevada County Behavioral Health staff to oversee and evaluate the program.

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