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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Board Agenda Memo** 

**MEETING DATE:** November 16, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for the provision of services in relation to crisis intervention, community client services, and services relating to the operation of a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) to increase the maximum contract price from \$2,497,912 to \$2,599,860 (an increase of \$101,948), revise Exhibit "A", Schedule of Services to reflect an expansion of Mobile Crisis services and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (RES 21-256)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: Contract services are supported by: Guaranteed-bed fees from Sierra Nevada Memorial- Miners Hospital (SNMH); patient revenues for treatment including Medi-Cal and private insurance reimbursement; department realignment; MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) Funding; and Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funding made available through the Sheriff's Department. Budget amendment is included with the Sheriff's Office board item to accept the grant funding this expansion. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 22, 2021, per Resolution 21-256, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Sierra Mental Wellness Group for the following components: Crisis Intervention and Community Client Services; and Services in Relation to the Operation of a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU).

This Amendment will add a 1.0 FTE Crisis Specialist to the Mobile Crisis Team program, expanding the total number of Mobile Crisis Specialists from 1.0 FTE to 2.0 FTE. This additional 1.0 FTE will be paired with a Nevada County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) Deputy to expand coverage and availability of mobile crisis services in Nevada County. Funding for this additional position will be primarily provided through the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant that was recently awarded to the Nevada County Sheriff's Office.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 1 as these contracted services provides an essential resource for Nevada County families and further enhances the crisis continuum of care for residents of Nevada County.

**Item initiated and approved by:** Phebe Bell, MSW – Director of Behavioral Health