



**M E M O R A N D U M**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 22, 2021

FROM: Robert Oldham, MD, MHSA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with North Valley Behavioral Health

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Approve the agreement with North Valley Behavioral Health to operate a 16-bed Psychiatric Health Facility in an amount not to exceed \$5,300,000 from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$100,000 consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
2. Approve the associated Lease Agreement between the County and North Valley Behavioral Health from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with the option to extend annually and authorize the Director of Facilities Management, or designee, to execute the Lease Agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

Placer County provided mental health services to approximately 7,399 individuals countywide during FY 2019-20. The Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) at Cirby Hills fills a critical component of the continuum of various mental health services provided to County residents. During FY 2019-20, there were 358 admissions into the PHF accounting for 5,671 patient bed days. The average length of stay per client was 10.73 days and the PHF average daily census during the year was 15.47 clients at a 16-bed capacity unit. The services provided in this acute care treatment facility provide necessary, life-saving, and stabilizing care and treatment each year for adults suffering from acute mental health issues. These individuals are temporarily unable to ensure their own safety to self or others or are unable to adequately care for their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter due to a mental disorder (Welfare & Institutions Code section 5150). This contract provides a safe and supportive treatment environment where County and Contractor staff, partner and collaborate in the provision of services until a safe and appropriate discharge into the community takes place.

This PHF treatment option further reduces the burden of crowded emergency departments in our community, while avoiding the most expensive option of private hospitalization. The option of PHF's over private hospitals allows the County to seek Medi-Cal reimbursement for these inpatient psychiatric admissions and reduces County General Fund expenditure.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this contract includes \$3,551,000 (67%) in State/Federal funding and \$1,749,000 (33%) in County General Fund and is included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget.

The agreements are on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

