



**MEMORANDUM**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** August 31, 2021  
**FROM:** Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services  
**BY:** Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Agreement with North Valley Behavioral Health for FY 2021-23 to operate a 16-bed Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve an agreement with North Valley Behavioral Health (NVBH) for psychiatric health services at their Yuba City locations in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, 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 not to exceed \$100,000, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

Placer County began a contract with NVBH in 2018 to provide inpatient psychiatric services for our residents experiencing a mental health crisis. This service fills a critical component of the continuum of various mandated mental health services provided to County residents. These services provide necessary, life-saving, and stabilizing care and treatment 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). A Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) provides a safe, less expensive and supportive treatment environment where County and Contractor staff collaborate in the provision of services until a safe and appropriate discharge into the community takes place.

Since the Cirby Hills PHF is consistently at capacity, it remains necessary to find alternative treatment locations for Placer residents in crisis requiring this highest level of service. The numbers of those individuals experiencing a mental health crisis requiring inpatient level of care has continued to increase over the past 12 months. Whereas private psychiatric hospital costs are 100% CGF, placement at this facility allows the County recover 89% of the costs through Medi-cal.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this agreement consists of \$1,869,000 (89%) in State/Federal funding and \$231,000 (11%) in County General Funds. The FY 2021-22 amount of \$1,050,000 is included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget. The remaining funding will be included in the Department's

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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