Justification for Sole Source Contract with Sierra Mental Wellness Group

Sierra Mental Wellness Group has been determined to be a sole source for afterhours crisis services in the Glenn County region for the following reasons:

- Behavioral health Quality Improvement staff sent out an inquiry to the Northern Region Quality Improvement Committee (NorQIC) to ask other counties which vendors they use for crisis services. Several counties responded but the only vendor mentioned was Sierra Mental Wellness Group.
- Behavioral health leadership approached a different vendor that had previously contracted with Glenn County in the past for crisis services, and found that vendor was no longer in business.
- Behavioral Health Director, Amy Lindsey, LMFT asked both Small Counties Committee, and the larger County Behavioral Health Directors Association group for crisis service vendors and the only response given for this region was Sierra Mental Wellness Group.
- Behavioral Health Quality Improvement staff reached out to counties within the region including Butte, Colusa, Tehama, Nevada, and Placer Counties. It was discovered that each of the aforementioned counties either provides crisis services in-house, or contracts with Sierra Mental Wellness Group.
- An internet search of crisis service vendors yielded only other county websites, and no other option of vendor was located.
- Sierra Mental Wellness Group’s primary office is located within Placer County, which is a reasonable travel distance from Glenn County. It is essential for the crisis contractor to be within a reasonable travel distance as there will be face-to-face meetings, cross-training, and some presence of afterhours crisis contract staff in county crisis meetings.