Small County FY 20/21 Budget Response to COVID-19

NEVADA COUNTY

County Level

- Aim for 5% budget reductions in all departments
- Requests to fill vacant positions require additional budget/funding justification
- Applying for all applicable CARES Act and COVID related funding
- Created and seed funded a community relief fund for local small businesses
5% Reductions – Behavioral Health

- Removed any placeholders for programs we wanted to start/grow
- Decreased/deleted placeholder contracts (e.g. Locum Tenens, Consultants, Placement Facilities)
- Slowing down the filling of vacant positions
- Reducing staff and community partner travel/training
- Reducing office expense

Pre Covid

- Post 2008 downturn – built up fund balances
- Maximize Medi-Cal billing whenever possible
- Actively apply for grants
- MHSA, 1991 & 2011 Realignment
- Including productivity
- Grantors working with us to adjust/adapt grants
Amid COVID

- Communicate with Grantors specific and non-specific to COVID
- Frequent dialogue with service providers
- Closer eye on productivity and billable services for providers and staff
- Continue to adapt service delivery
- Adapt grants when possible to the current need specific to our county
- What are their needs and barriers for getting back to regular service levels
- Question continued decreases in productivity and services
- Survey consumers on how they want to receive their services

Amid COVID cont’d

- Attend as many CBHDA and FLI type meetings
- Communication
- Develop multiple scenarios
- Keep current on changes and how other counties are doing things
- Management team, other departments within the agency, other counties
- Looking in both directions. Things go better or worse, how long can we maintain?