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Chair Vixie Sandy, Vice Chair Allen, and Supervisors Barajas, Frerichs, and Villegas
Yolo County Administration Building
625 Court Street
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Sent via email

Re: October 21, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting: Item 37: Behavioral Health Services Act Budget

Dear Chair Vixie Sandy, Vice Chair Allen, and Supervisors Barajas, Frerichs, and Villegas:

On Tuesday you will be adopting the 2025/26 fiscal year budget for the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). On behalf of NAMI Yolo County, I want to thank you and the staff of the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency for the work you have done to address the current fiscal challenges while still maintaining mental health services throughout the county. Throughout this difficult budget process, it has been clear to us that you are committed to protecting the health and well-being of all Yolo County residents. We are grateful for your leadership and your dedication.

The staff recommendation before you today would reduce our current funding by 25% rather than the 45% that was previously proposed. This would reduce the current fiscal year funding for NAMI Yolo County under the county contract from \$197,000 to \$148,000. While no organization likes to take a reduction in funding, we recognize the hard work that has been done to get to this point and ask that you approve this proposal. NAMI Yolo County will do everything it can, despite this reduction, to continue our important work throughout the county. We will also be continuing to identify and secure alternative funding streams that will allow us to continue to serve Yolo County.

The staff report also proposes a 100% reduction to our county contract in fiscal year 2026/27. We ask that you defer approval of this reduction until there is more certainty regarding the

provisions of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) that take effect on July 1, 2026. Any needed reductions for the 2026/27 fiscal year could be made in the context of the 2026/27 Annual County Budget when you will have more information regarding the actual fiscal year revenues and greater certainty regarding the BHSA.

Thank you for your dedication and your leadership. We look forward to working with you as the County moves forward with the implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Neville

Vice President, NAMI Yolo County