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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Rachel Peña**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a contract with Granite Wellness Centers for a full range of alcohol/drug treatment and drug testing services for referred clients of Child Welfare Services in the maximum amount of \$80,000 for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, not to exceed \$40,000 each fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These are court-ordered, non-optional services and are funded with Child Welfare Allocation funds which consist of Federal Title IV-B, Title XIX, and Department realignment funds. Services are within the Department's FY 2025/26 and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Under this agreement, Granite Wellness Centers performs a full range of professional drug treatment services and drug testing services for referred Child Welfare Services (CWS) clients. Services include, but are not limited to substance abuse assessments, inpatient drug treatment, recovery residence services, out-patient drug treatment programs, therapeutic services related to substance abuse issues, and services provided to substance abusing mothers and pregnant women. These services are critical in healing family systems ravaged by addiction and the neglect, abuse, and child endangerment that often accompanies substance abuse.

Drug treatment services are offered as part of a court ordered and/or voluntary case plan designed to either keep children safely at home (Family Maintenance) or reunify children with their parents after being placed in foster care (Family Reunification). Family Maintenance and Family Reunification Services are mandated by Welfare and Institutions Code section 361.5 and are most often court ordered, mandatory services. In a small percentage of cases, CWS will offer these services voluntarily to prevent costly and disruptive foster care placements. Voluntary services are offered pursuant to Section 16100 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

The contractor provides tests for the presence of THC, Amphetamines and Methamphetamines, Cocaine, Morphine, and Alcohol. This service is critical in assessing the impact of drugs/alcohol on clients and their process of recovery and ability to safely parent their children.

It is recommended the Board approve this agreement, as these are essential contracted services, and it is in the best interest of the community for continuation of these mandatory services.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services