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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the contract with SPIRIT - Peers for Independence and Recovery, Inc. for operation of SPIRIT's Mental Health Peer Empowerment Center and Commons Resource Center and for enhancement of services related to the County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan, to increase the maximum contract price from \$597,824 to \$647,824 (and increase of \$50,000) and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. (RES. 25-251) (RES. 25-552)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are primarily funded from MHSA monies made available to Behavioral Health. A budget amendment is not needed. There are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: On June 24, 2025, per Resolution 25-251, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the renewal contract with SPIRIT – Peers for Independence and Recovery, Inc. for operation of SPIRIT's Mental Health Peer Empowerment Center and Commons Resource Center and for enhancement of services related to the County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan which was subsequently amended on December 16, 2025 per Resolution 25-552.

Continuation of services under this agreement is for the enhancement and expansion of services to meet unmet community needs as a component of the County's MHSA Community Services and Supports Plan. This funding supports the operations of the SPIRIT Peer Empowerment Center, a peer-driven community support center that offers free drop-in services and classes that support participants as they identify their path to recovery and empower themselves to achieve their

personal goals. One of the key populations that SPIRIT Peer Empowerment Center supports are those experiencing homelessness. This support includes offering basic services, such as showers and laundry, in addition to empowerment and recovery-focused support. This year's renewal brings new capacity to SPIRIT's ability to deliver services, as SPIRIT will be moving into the Commons Resource Center. The new center will provide a larger facility, with expanded capacity to deliver peer support and vital basic services. Building on SPIRIT's demonstrated ability to engage individuals experiencing homelessness, the center maintains a commitment to partnering with the surrounding businesses and residents to create a safe and inclusive environment for recovery and healing. Under this agreement, SPIRIT will continue to:

- ❖ Provide one-on-one peer counseling for those over eighteen years of age, offering a number of theme-specific peer support/self-help groups geared to strengthening recovery. Services are available to individuals who may be unable or unwilling to access traditional services or cannot otherwise afford counseling or psychotherapy.
- ❖ Provide services that support existing mental health services and reach out to the community to provide education about mental health services and mental health illness to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.
- ❖ Engage those experiencing homelessness by offering basic services, including showers and laundry.
- ❖ Provide outreach to both unserved and underserved individuals with mental health difficulties that will promote healing through a supportive environment that provides support, empowerment, and the development of life skills to reduce their personal suffering and increase their quality of life.
- ❖ Provide training to Peer Support Staff and individuals who seek to empower themselves in interacting with the media, potential employers, and other community agencies. Participants will be provided instruction and assistance to learn how to compile a resume, participate in a job interview, conduct and organize fundraising events, create brochures and marketing tools, and ultimately enable individuals to interact with the business community.
- ❖ Provide referrals to community resources, including mental health services, and support individuals to connect to referred resources.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 2 increasing the contract max to cover residual start up and adjustments to operations at the recently opened Sutton Resource Center which supports an innovative program that works to increase access to the underserved, helps to improve outcomes for participants, promotes education and individual advocacy, and provides resource and referral guidance.

Approved by: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director