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## **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** March 26, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the contract with Turning Point Community Programs, Inc. for the provision of Adult Assertive Community Treatment Program, Respite, Case Management, and Housing Services to increase the contract price from \$5,996,518 to \$6,036,518 (an increase of \$40,000), revise Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to incorporate the purchase and utilization of a vehicle and amend Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the contract maximum amount. (RES 23-293)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) monies made available to Nevada County from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), 1991 and 2011 Realignments, Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP), Community Mental Health Centers funds (CMHC) through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and AB109 funds. The maximum is based on the actual cost of grant programs and projected units of services anticipated to be delivered and associated program expenses. Services are in the department's budget for FY 2023/24 and this Contract requires no county general fund dollars.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 27, 2023, per Resolution 23-293, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Turning Point Community Programs, Inc.

Nevada County Behavioral Health is seeking an amendment to this contract in order to add funds for the purchase of a vehicle. The vehicle will be purchased with Mental Health Services Act Innovation funds, and will be utilized by the Turning Point Peer embedded in the Nevada County Behavioral Health Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Team. This vehicle will allow the peer to better support individuals receiving services through the ECM program, by improving mobility of the peer worker to meet people where they are, and to provide transportation of program consumers to vital appointments (court, medical appointments).

Under this contract, Turning Point Community Programs, Inc. continues to provide Adult Assertive Community Treatment (AACT) Program Services as a Full-Service Partnership (FSP) and consistent with Nevada County's approved MHSA Community Services and Supports Plan. The Assertive Community Treatment Team model is a multi-disciplinary approach to providing community-based psychiatric treatment, assertive outreach, rehabilitation, and support services to individuals with serious mental illness who also has co-occurring problems or multiple hospitalizations. Contractor's Adult Assertive Community Treatment Team operates 24-hours, 365 days per year to provide flexible crisis intervention and wraparound services. The wraparound services are tailored to address each eligible participant's unique and changing needs. Services include assessment, therapy, peer support, rehabilitation, housing assistance, job development skills/assistance, psychiatric services, medication support, outreach, and linkage to other community supports, substance abuse treatment, and assistance in supporting other health and life needs.

The Contractor in conjunction with Nevada County Behavioral Health Staff also continue to implement and monitor a specific housing treatment program for Medi-Cal beneficiaries living in a home leased by Contractor and/or owned by County or County partners. The Contractor provides services related to an Independent Living Program, including staffing to support structured day and evening services available seven (7) days a week with rehabilitative mental health services, case management brokerage and night and weekend supervision. By continuing such program services, the County serves a critical ongoing need of providing safe, supportive housing in the least restrictive environment for appropriate clients, brings clients back to their own community, and reduces the dependence on higher-cost residential facilities in other counties.

As another continuing component of this contract, Contractor provides project staffing who serve as members of the case management and peer team at Behavioral Health. These services support clients to live successfully in the community, by helping clients to access needed psychiatric services, housing support services, medical and other services.

Under this contract, Turning Point Community Programs continues to operate the Respite Insight Center which houses an ongoing caseload of four (4) qualified clients. The Respite Insight Center resulted from the County and its stakeholders identifying a need for an alternative to inpatient hospitalization for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. For years, stakeholders have advocated for the expansion of the County's crisis continuum of care to include the development of a respite care center where individuals can receive temporary housing and supportive counseling services. The County's receipt of SB 82 State funding, supplemented by MHSA Community Services and Support (CSS) funds, were utilized to develop and implement a respite care center that has five (5) beds and operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (24/7). This center is peer-run, in coordination with clinical support and is called the Respite Insight Center.

Turning Point provides the facility and program staffing for this Center. Participants are offered an opportunity to utilize respite support up to 14 days. If individuals need additional time at the center, the Center team will document, consider requests, and may authorize additional days. The maximum length of stay is 28 days per admission. The participants are also linked to valuable community resources to support their recovery once they leave the Center. The target population served by this center are residents of Nevada County and Sierra County who are over the age of 18 years, have a mental illness, and as a result of the disorder the individual is at risk of needing a higher level of care, including possible placement in a facility such as a: psychiatric hospital, an Institute of Mental Disease (IMD), Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC), or Crisis Stabilization Unit, or the individual has recently been discharged from one of these placements, or is experiencing a first episode or re-emergence of a psychotic break.

Finally, under this contract, Turning Point will expand its supported employment services to implement Individual Placement and Supports (IPS), an evidence-based practice of supported employment that helps to clients obtain competitive work in the community and provide them with the necessary support to ensure their success in the workplace.

The purpose of this amendment is to utilize grant funds to purchase a vehicle that will support the work of the homeless outreach team. The vehicle will be utilized by the Enhanced Care Management Team's embedded peer who is a Turning Point employee. It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment to the Contract as the purchase of this vehicle will provide for more robust and mobile services for individuals who are unhoused in our community and receiving case management services through the ECM Team.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Phebe Bell, MSW, Director of Behavioral Health