

## NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Board Agenda Memo** 

**MEETING DATE:** August 22, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with

Common Goals, Inc. for the provision of drug testing and alcohol/drug treatment services for Child Welfare Services (CWS) in the maximum amount of \$270,000 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, not to exceed \$135,000 each

fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**<u>FUNDING</u>**: These are mandated services and are funded with Child Welfare Allocation funds, and as needed, Department realignment funds. Services are within the department's FY 2023/24 budget and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Under this Agreement, Common Goals, Inc. performs a full range of professional drug treatment and drug testing services for referred CWS clients. Services include, but are not limited to: substance abuse assessments, outpatient drug treatment programs, therapeutic services related to substance abuse issues, an anger management program, PC 1000 (deferred entry of judgment), a batterers program, and a full range of drug testing. These services are critical in healing family systems ravaged by addiction and the neglect, abuse, and child endangerment that often accompany 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 361.5 and are most often court ordered, mandatory services. In a small percentage of cases, CWS will offer these services voluntarily in order to prevent costly and disruptive foster care placements.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal contract which will support the continuation of these vital drug treatment/testing services.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW, Director of Social Services