



NEVADA COUNTY

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 8, 2018
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract amendment with George Mason University to provide SUSTAIN access, training, and technical assistance, extend the contract end date to April 30, 2020 and increase the contract amount to \$67,824.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: This contract in the amount of \$67,824 for fiscal year 2017/2018 through 2019/2020 is 100% grant funded through the juvenile Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant. No general funds are required.

BACKGROUND: Sustain is an eLearning system designed to assist justice professionals in building skills associated with using evidence-based practices for the effective management of offenders. The system consists of five training modules: Risk-Need-Responsivity, Motivation and Engagement, Case Planning, Problem Solving, and Desistance. The modules focus on both knowledge and skill enhancement.

Sustain will assist the Nevada County Probation Department's continued effort to not only use evidence based practices, but for all officers to have the highest level of operational understanding of these practices. Additionally, the sustain learning platform allows officers to complete self-paced modules that allow for flexibility and incorporation of new staff as they come on. Coaching of senior staff also occurs to support ongoing learning efforts and to build internal capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item Initiated by: Angelina Coffey, Administrative Services Officer
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