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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 27, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Roos

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Personal Services Agreement between County of Nevada and Victor Community Support Services (VCSS) for services related to administration of the Rapid Response Team Pilot Program and the newly State-mandated Family Urgent Response System (FURS) program increasing the maximum contract amount from \$844,324 to \$1,244,903, revising Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to reflect a change in service requirements, and revising Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum Contract price for the term of October 13, 2020 through June 30, 2022.(RES 20-430)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are funded through Child Welfare Services 2011 realignment funds and Family Urgent Response System (FURS) State Allocation monies. The increase to the contract is funded entirely by the FURS State Allocation. The maximum amount of \$441,969 for the term of October 13, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 through June 30, 22 the maximum amount of \$802,934. A budget amendment is not necessary and there are no county general fund dollars required in the contract.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No. 20-430, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Victor Community Support Services (VCSS) for services related to administration of the Rapid Response Team Pilot Program. The goal of the Rapid Response Team (RRT) Pilot Program is to serve children who are court

dependents, non-dependents and wards that are not immediately at-risk of an out-of-home placement, therefore do not meet the criteria for wraparound services. These families may be in need of support and stabilization in order to remain in their current homes/placements and avoid further Child Welfare Services (CWS), Probation, or court intervention. This pilot seeks to fine-tune the RRT process before the program is directed to a Request for Proposal for services.

The program will include the following:

1. A rapid response team (RRT) which is a community based service that utilizes a strength based approach to support and empower families in accessing their natural supports and achieving individualized goals. This is done with the use of a team approach that quickly “wraps” the family with support and services in order to assist them in achieving stability and success across multiple life domains.
2. An assessment process conducted by RRT utilized to determine the need for full preventative wraparound services or immediate, short-term case management to connect families to existing resources and natural supports.
3. Preventive case management services provided and designed to ensure that children remain safe, healthy, at home, in school, and out of danger and to prevent children from entering foster care, re-entering foster care or the juvenile justice system.

The Family Urgent Response System (FURS) is defined as a coordinated statewide and county-level system designed to provide collaborative and timely state-level phone-based response and county-level in-home, in-person mobile response during situations of instability, for purposes of preserving the relationship of the caregiver and the child or youth, providing developmentally appropriate relationship conflict management and resolution skills, stabilizing the living situation, mitigating the distress of the caregiver or child or youth, connecting the caregiver and child or youth to the existing array of local services, and promoting a healthy and healing environment for children, youth, and families. FURS provides current and former foster youth and their caregivers with immediate, trauma-informed support when needed. This program began in March 2021 and is mandated by Assembly Bill 79.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 1 to increase the total contract amount by \$400,579 and include the FURS program as these services are essential to stabilizing families and decreasing CWS, Probation, or court intervention.

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