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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Common

Purpose 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 1,2025 through June 30, 2027, 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 2025/26 budget and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Under this Agreement, Common Purpose 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 section 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.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services