



NEVADA COUNTY

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2020
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the personal services contract between the County of Nevada and George Mason University, to extend the contract end date to June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: All services have been paid. This amendment allows for the continuation of technical assistance and access to the online learning portals. No additional 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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