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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Common Goals, Inc. for the provision of drug testing and alcohol/drug treatment services for Child Welfare Services (CWS) to increase the contract price from \$250,000 to \$280,000 (an increase of \$30,000), amend Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, not exceed \$160,000 for Fiscal Year 2021/22; and shall not exceed \$120,000 for Fiscal Year 2022/23. (RES 21-325) (RES 22-078)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These are mandated, non-optional services and are funded with Child Welfare Allocation funds, and as needed, department realignment funds. A budget amendment is required and is included in this Resolution and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: On July 27, 2021, per Resolution 21-325, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Common Goals for 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 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 accompanies substance abuse. This contract was amended on February 8, 2022 to increase the maximum contract amount per Resolution 22-078.

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.

There is an increased need for drug testing, anger management, Recovery Residence housing and domestic violence services. It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment which will support the continuation of these mandated vital drug treatment/testing services.

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