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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2020
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Phebe Bell**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 2 to the renewal personal services contract with Common Goals, Inc. for the provision of outpatient rehabilitative treatment services for the recovery and treatment of alcohol/drug dependency to add alternate payment mechanism for services provided March through June 2020 due to impacts of the Coronavirus and amend Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments, to reflect the alternate payment mechanism for the contract term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (RES. 19-305; RES 19-611)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is provided through Drug Medi-Cal Federal reimbursement, Substance Abuse Block Grant monies, 2011 Realignment, a Health Management Associates Inc. grant and reimbursement from Probation and Social Services for participants referred through their department. There will be a short-term cash flow issue that is within the capacity of the Behavioral Health department. The department expects minimal long-term fiscal impacts. There is no budget amendment and no general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No 19-305, Common Goals provides education and treatment services to persons affected by the disease of alcoholism and/or drug addictions. Subsequently, per Resolution No. 19-611, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 1 to increase the maximum contract price. Under this Agreement, the Contractor will continue to provide outpatient rehabilitative treatment services for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries for the recovery and treatment of alcohol/drug dependency. The service program will be for adults (over the age of eighteen) both males and females; and adolescents both males and females, offering individual and group

outpatient rehabilitation services for authorized county clients. Services also include participants referred through the Nevada County Probation Department and Child Welfare.

Each client receives individual counseling, which is face-to-face contact between the client and the therapist or counselor. Individual counseling includes intake, evaluation/assessment, treatment and discharge planning, collateral services and crisis intervention. Group counseling means face-to-face contacts in which one or more counselors treat two or more clients, up to a total of twelve clients, at the same time, focusing on needs of the individuals served. Sessions focus on overcoming substance abuse related obstacles to achieve short-term personal, family, job/school and other goals.

Family Counseling will be made available to participants whenever issues such as interpersonal and/or family relationships present themselves as possible barriers to the successful treatment of the individual. The Contractor will provide direct therapeutic counseling services to families referred for substance abuse issues.

The Contractor also provides Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOT) which consists of alcohol and drug treatment services (intake, individual counseling, group counseling, patient education, family therapy, medication services, collateral services, crisis intervention, treatment planning, and discharge services) in a non-residential setting.

Through grant funding, the contractor provides individual and group education, individual counseling and case management services to link individuals with substance use disorders to appropriate after care.

Additionally, through grant funding, the contractor provides Recovery Residences for individuals authorized by the County. Recovery Residences provide an affordable clean and sober supported living environment where individuals can rebuild their own housing and employment resources while still participating in a lower level of care.

There are 7 total contracts that are separately being brought to the Board with a similar amendment and the following language applies to all 7 contracts. The Coronavirus pandemic has had significant impacts across all critical service providers, including disruption of their normal ability to serve clients. Because these providers are paid based on units of service they provide, the inability to provide as many services has led to lower generation of revenue and therefore cash flow and budget challenges. At the same time as their fiscal viability is being challenged, their services are needed more than ever. Behavioral Health staff has worked closely with all service providers to help navigate this pandemic and has provided support in modifying their processes and protocols so that staff can remain safe and community members can safely get the care they need. Moving forward, staff will work with providers to increase productivity so that we can continue to maximize our ability to draw down federal funds. This proposed change in contract payment terms will allow the Contractor to stay fiscally stable and maintain current staffing levels so that they are able to provide all needed services during this difficult time.

This amendment allows the contractor to invoice for 1/12th of their contract amount for the period of March through June instead of billing based on services provided during this time. The expectation is that contracts will be amended back to units of service once the pandemic is behind

us. The change in methodology will likely have some cash flow impacts to Behavioral Health. It is estimated the cash flow impact will be approximately \$500,000 total for 4 months for all 7 contracts combined, however, we expect to capture most of the reduced dollars in the cost settlement process with both the Contractors and the State, which will restore fund balance. These Amendments will not impact the General Fund and the Behavioral Health fund balances are sufficient to support the short-term impact. In addition, the Contracts are still capped at the maximum dollar amount and should the Contractor not have expenditures to support the amount received through June 2020, they will be required to repay the County.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 2 as it allows the contractor to maintain critically needed existing services and sustain current staff during this challenging time.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Director of Behavioral Health