



NEVADA COUNTY

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2017
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Butte for provision of Male Community Reentry Program coordination services for fiscal year 2016-2017 through fiscal year 2018-2019.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: No funds required. Butte County agrees to provide Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP) services at no cost to Nevada County.

BACKGROUND:

Under the terms of the proposed agreement Butte County will be accepting offenders into the MCRP that Nevada County has committed to State prison prior to the end of their proposed prison sentence. The intent of the MCRP is to expand rehabilitative programming and re-entry services, and further reduce recidivism upon release from state prison.

Since the inception of AB109 in 2011, Nevada County Probation has successfully developed multiple programs and resources within the community to address the needs of probationers released from, or eligible for, State prison sentences. Nevada County Probation has had success in reducing recidivism specifically with the Post Release Community Supervision probationers (PRCS) and is constantly looking for innovative ways to meet the needs of this high risk population.

Butte County has executed a contract for the (MCRP) with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP), to provide or arrange linkages to a range of community-based, rehabilitative services while in community custody. The linkages address needs related to substance use disorders, mental health care, employment, education, housing, family reunification, and social support needs. CDCR, allows eligible inmates committed to State prison, who have approximately 180 days to 30 days prior to the Earliest Possible Release Date (EPRD), to serve the end of their sentences in the community in lieu of confinement in state prison.

Butte County is a multi-county MCRP and will provide MCRP services to participants convicted to State Prison whose County of last legal residence was Nevada County. Nevada County does not have a MCRP and is desirous of contracting with Butte County to provide MCRP services to Nevada County participants.

If the board adopts the resolution and Nevada County clients are allowed to participate in the MCRP, it will allow Nevada County Probation Officers to assess their clients' risks and needs and to begin services prior to the participants' release to Nevada County. All participants will have a case plan designed around the assessed needs. The Nevada County Probation Department is focused on using assessments and case plans to drive all decision points during the course of the participants' participation in the MCRP and supervision within the community. This program will provide the framework for a higher probability the participant can successfully integrate into the community and reduce recidivism.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item Initiated by: Darlene Woo, Administrative Services Officer

Approved by: Michael Ertola, Chief Probation Officer

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