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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2022
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment 1 to the contract with SPIRIT - Peers for Independence and Recovery, Inc. for operation of SPIRIT's Mental Health Peer Empowerment Center and related services to increase the contract price from \$194,598 to \$217,598 (an increase of \$23,000), revise Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to incorporate one time purchases and amend Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price. (RES 21-252)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are fully funded from MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) monies made available to Behavioral Health. The Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) provides an ongoing revenue source for the transformation and enhancement of mental health services as provided by State and County agencies. A budget amendment will be included in the County Wide Budget Amendment to cover this increase. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: On June 22, 2021 per Resolution 21-252, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors executed a contract with Spirit – Peers for Independence and Recovery, Inc. for the continuation of services for the enhancement and expansion of services to meet unmet community needs as a component of the County's MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan. This funding supports the operations of the SPIRIT Peer Empowerment Center, a peer-driven community support center that offers free drop-in services and classes that support participants as they identify their path to recovery, and empower themselves to achieve their personal goals. One of the key populations that SPIRIT Peer Empowerment Center supports are those experiencing homelessness, including offering more basic services

such as showers and laundry in addition to empowerment and recovery focused support. SPIRIT has demonstrated success in engaging individuals experiencing homelessness who do not participate in traditional services such as shelter through Hospitality House.

Due to higher than anticipated MHSA revenues in FY 20/21, this amendment will provide Contractor one-time funds for capital purchases to support program activities. Funding will specifically support a security alarm system, on demand water heater, and upgrades to the participant computer station.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as it supports an innovative program that works to increase access to the underserved, helps to improve outcomes for participants, promotes education and individual advocacy and provides resource and referral guidance.

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