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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Rachel Peña
SUBJECT: Resolution approving a renewal contract with Shona Torgrimson D/B/A Helping Hands Nurturing Center for Nurturing Parenting Program and Supervised Visitation Services for the Child Welfare Services (CWS) Department in the maximum amount of \$255,000 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, not to exceed \$127,500 for each fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding for these services is provided through a grant allocation from the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) Program; CalWORKs Single Allocation funds; Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) funds and Department Realignment funds. Services are within the Department's FY 2024/25 budget and there are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Child Welfare Services is required to provide Prevention and Early Intervention strategies to provide for the safety and permanency of children and services that target the overall well-being of families. CWS is responsible for ensuring that the critical needs of children and families in the child welfare system are met.

Under this agreement, the Contractor will continue to provide Nurturing Parenting Program (NPP) and Supervised Visitation Services for CWS families, some of whom will also be receiving CalWORKs benefits. The NPP is family-centered and designed to build nurturing parenting skills. The long-term goals are to:

- Prevent recidivism in families receiving social services
- Lower the rate of teenage pregnancies
- Reduce the rate of juvenile delinquency and alcohol abuse

- Stop the intergenerational cycle of child abuse by teaching positive parenting behaviors

The Contractor will provide NPP services utilizing the NPP curriculum that coordinates health and social services for at-risk families referred by CWS. The Contractor will provide supervised supervision, individual parenting, and group sessions; utilizing the NPP best practices; use strength based and multi-disciplinary approaches; and focus on family stability and self-sufficiency. Court-ordered monitored visits will be provided by Certified Monitors.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract which provides necessary and often court-ordered parenting services and supports to families receiving NPP as referred by CWS to improve outcomes for Nevada County children and families.

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