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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the contract with Foothill House of Hospitality, d/b/a Hospitality House for the provision of Homeless Outreach, Access and Linkage to Treatment Services as a component of the County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) to incorporate Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the Benefits of Homeless Individuals (GBHI) grant funding in the maximum amount of \$143,971 for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) monies and SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Grants for the Benefits of Homeless Individuals (GBHI) made available to Nevada County. Services are within the Department's FY 2018/19 budget. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The PEI component of the Nevada County Mental Health Services Act Plan is designed to develop and implement preventive systems to reduce the incidence of mental illness and suicide, enhance overall community wellness and provide prevention based services for those at risk for developing serious mental illness. The PATH component is designed to provide services to individuals who have a severe mental illness, or who have co-occurring

severe mental illness and substance use disorders, and who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

The Homeless Outreach Program is administered by Hospitality House, an agency that provides emergency shelter and supportive services to Nevada County's homeless population. As part of contracted services, Hospitality House will continue to provide homeless outreach services. The Homeless Outreach Case Manager will serve the Western County region and travel to locations where the homeless tend to congregate, attempting to build connections of trust. The program seeks to help individuals receive the benefits they are eligible for, assists individuals to secure stable housing and promotes connections with other needed resources/services.

The Contractor will continue to track the number of homeless individuals and families served; the number of individuals and families referred to another agency; the number of individuals and families that receive services from the referred agency; the number of chronically and severely mentally ill that are assessed and enrolled in behavioral health services or substance abuse treatment; and the number of individuals and families that find stable housing.

Under the proposed amendment, the Parties desire to increase the total amount of the Contract by \$38,174 to (1) reflect the incorporation of SAMHSA grant funding for the benefits of homeless individuals; (2) revise the Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to reflect the addition of two new staffing positions under the Agreement, including a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADAC) who will counsel and aid clients and families requiring assistance dealing with substance abuse problems, and a Housing Specialist responsible for the attainment of housing resource for clients; and (3) revising the Exhibit "B: Schedule of Charges to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price from \$105,797 to \$143,971.

It is recommended that the Board approve this amendment as it promotes critical linkages and outreach to intervene and coordinate care for an underserved segment of our county population.

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