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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 8, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Foothill House of Hospitality d/b/a/Hospitality House and the Regional Housing Authority related to the completion of the No Place Like Home Program (NPLH) and other applications for funding necessary to complete the NPLH project.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution and Memorandum of Understanding between the Health and Human Services Agency, Foothill House of Hospitality and the Regional Housing Authority.

FUNDING: This MOU does not have direct funding. The agreement governs the working relationship between the County, Hospitality House and the Regional Housing Authority in developing a NPLH housing development. The NPLH grant funding referenced in this Agreement is from the State of California, pursuant to an appropriation provided by subsection (a) of Section 5849.10 of the Welfare and Institutions code. If NPLH funds are awarded, the program will come back to the Board for approval, including, as necessary, a budget amendment. As this item is a non-monetary MOU, there is no General Fund impact, and no budget amendment is needed.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No. 18-068, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the acceptance of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) NPLH Technical Assistance Grant funds through Agreement Number 17 NPLH 11536. The County was originally awarded \$75,000 in funding. \$25,000 of the funding has previously been allocation for appropriately related grant activities, leaving \$50,000 remaining. The remaining balance of Technical Assistance funds was allocated to this project by Board action on December 11, 2018 (RES 18-609).

NPLH was established by Part 3.9 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with Section 5849.1) and enacted in 2016 to further the purposes of the Mental Health Services Act. The purpose of the NPLH program is to provide financing for acquisition, design, construction, rehabilitation and preservation costs, and to capitalize operating reserves for permanent supportive housing for individuals living with a serious mental illness who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at-risk of chronic homelessness.

In September, Health and Human Services Agency staff and the County Purchasing Agent solicited proposals for a development partner to apply for competitive NPLH funds to develop a NPLH housing project. On October 24, 2018, a review panel selected the Hospitality House proposal and began the process of formalizing an agreement to work collaboratively to apply for competitive NPLH funds and any other funds deemed eligible to support this housing project.

The purpose of this item is to delineate the understandings of the Parties with regard to the submission of applications to HCD for the NPLH funds and any other funds that are eligible to be used for the development and construction of permanent supportive affordable housing and a day services center for people with mental illness and/or serious emotional disorders. It is understood by and between the Parties that this MOU is specific to the understandings related to acquisition of funding for, and pre-development activities related to, the construction of affordable housing and day services center on behalf of eligible individuals. It is anticipated that upon fulfillment of the understandings set forth herein, the Parties will enter into an amendment to this MOU to address the construction and ongoing operation of the affordable housing, transitional housing, and day services center programs.

The Parties intend to collaborate and work cooperatively to address affordable housing needs in our community for persons with serious mental illness who are chronically homeless, homeless, or at risk of being chronically homeless, as well as providing transitional housing to eligible individuals, through the planning, construction, and operation of affordable housing, transitional housing, and day or navigation center programs on property located at 936 Old Tunnel Road, Grass Valley, CA 95945

It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to authorize execution of the MOU as it will provide all parties with a working arrangement that clearly defines project roles and responsibilities. Furthermore, the resolution will provide the development sponsor (Hospitality House) and the developer (Regional Housing Authority) with technical assistance in completing applications and site development.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director of Child Support, Collections,
Housing & Community Services