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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2016
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the execution of a renewal contract with Project H.E.A.R.T. to provide peer mentoring, peer coaching and pro-social group relationship services for current and former adult probation clients during fiscal year 2016-2017.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: This contract in the amount of \$45,000, for fiscal year 2016-2017, is 100% funded by Federal SAMHSA grant funds, State Community Corrections Performance funds (SB678) and State Local Community Corrections Account apportionment (AB109). Federal SAMHSA grant funds require a 10% match which will be met through non-federally funded Probation Administration and Superior Court staff time expended towards collaborative court efforts. No general fund monies are required.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014 the probation department received a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) grant to expand treatment services and programs to adult probationers. (Resolution 15-122). Evidence based practices supported by SAMHSA include Peer Recovery Support Services which prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from mental/substance abuse disorders. According to SAMHSA recovery support services include:

1. Peer mentoring or coaching – developing a one-on-one relationship in which a peer leader with recovery experience encourages, motivates and supports a peer in recovery.
2. Peer recovery resource connecting – connecting the peer with professional and nonprofessional services and resources available in the community.
3. Recovery group facilitation – facilitating or leading recover-oriented group activities including support groups and educational activities.
4. Building community – helping peers make new friends and build healthy social networks through emotional, instrumental, informational, and affiliation types of peer support (www.samhsa.gov).

A study of arrests and jail bookings indicate approximately 30% of individuals booked into Wayne Brown Correctional Facility are former probationers. Peer Recovery Support services will be informally offered to these individuals, to mitigate and divert their continuing involvement with the criminal justice system, as well as to current adult probationers

Project H.E.A.R.T, a local non-profit agency, has provided peer- mentoring support in Nevada County for the past five years. During fiscal year 2015-2016 Project H.E.A.R.T's community reach grew from engagement of

40 participants in July 2015 to approximately 110 participants in May 2016. Through this renewal contract Project H.E.A.R.T. will continue to support probation involved individuals while they work to rebuild relationships, overcome life-damaging issues and establish skills to improve social stability and functionality. By providing access to peer support and pro-social community alternatives to criminal activity Project H.E.A.R.T. supports Probation's mission to promote successful community and family integration through pro-social modes of treatment and engagement

Item Initiated by: Darlene Woo, Administrative Services Officer
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