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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 27, 2017
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 adult probation clients during fiscal year 2017-2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: This contract in the amount of \$45,000, for fiscal year 2017-2018, 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. Funding is included in the FY 2017/18 budget and no budget amendment is needed. 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).

Project H.E.A.R.T, a local non-profit agency, has provided peer- mentoring support in Nevada County for the past five years. 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: Angelina Coffey, Administrative Services Associate
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