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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** November 13, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Tex Ritter**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Welcome Home Vets, Inc. for the securing of psychotherapy services for the veteran population of Nevada County in the maximum amount of \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The State allotted Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prop 63 to the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to enhance the effectiveness of referrals to County Veteran Service Offices (CVSO) for veterans who present with mental health issues. Services will be funded from CSS (Community Services and Supports) dollars received from the State as a component of the County's approved Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan. Contract services were planned for in the F/Y 2018-19 Department budget there are no county general fund requirements for this agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The CDVA Prop 63 is now an annual competitive grant. Nevada County was one of the recipients of this grant for FY 2015-2016, and has been awarded funding again pursuant to this Agreement for FY 2018-2019. Nevada County Veterans Service Office will once again contract with Welcome Home Vets to perform mental health outreach throughout the county and will provide therapy to veterans and their family members. Through partnership with multiple divisions of Nevada County Department of Social Services (DSS), Nevada County Department of Behavioral Health, Nevada County Court System, a host of non-profits and local hospitals, the Veterans

Outreach Program will continue to connect veterans to the appropriate services for support and treatment.

It is recommended that the board approve this Agreement as the funds received will help support programs that improve early identification of PTSD and other stress reactions and improve access to treatment which will lessen the severity of veterans' functional impairment and improve overall health.

**Item Initiated by:** David West, Veterans' Services Officer

**Approved by:** Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Social Services