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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** January 25, 2022

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment 1 with Crisis Intervention Services dba Sierra Community House for the provision of Latino Outreach Services, Suicide Prevention Services, Homeless Outreach, Family Support and Parenting Classes, and Mental Health Stigma Reduction in the Eastern County Region to increase the contract price from \$116,295 to \$232,307 (an increase of \$116,012), revise Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to incorporate one-time program expansions and purchases and amend Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the contract term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. (RES21-218)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funding made available to Nevada County. A budget amendment will be included in the County Wide Budget Amendment to cover this increase. There are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** On June 15, 2021 per Resolution 21-218, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors executed a contract with Crisis Intervention Service dba Sierra Community House for the provision of Latino Outreach Services, Suicide Prevention Services, Homeless Outreach, Family Support and Parenting Classes, and Mental Health Stigma Reduction as a component of the County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI). Nevada County and Placer County recently issued a joint Request for Interest (RFI) for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention programs in the Tahoe/Truckee region for FY 2021/22. Crisis Intervention Services (CIS) was successful in the process and will deliver services to the Tahoe/Truckee region in both Placer and Nevada Counties in the areas of 1) Latino

Outreach Services; 2) Suicide Prevention Services; 3) Homeless Outreach; 4) Family Support and Parenting Classes; and 5) Mental Health Stigma Reduction. Services include:

- 1) Latino Outreach Services: Crisis Intervention Services has been serving the Latino population in Truckee since 2001. Through the Family Resource Center Promotoras Program, paraprofessionals offer health education and assist Latino families in connecting to health resources.
- 2) Suicide Prevention Services: CIS will employ a Suicide Prevention Coordinator that is embedded in the Community Education and Prevention Program, and will work closely with the Tahoe Truckee Suicide Prevention Coalition to provide education, outreach, and strategies that will mobilize and support the community and prevent future suicides.
- 3) Homeless Outreach: CIS will employ a Tahoe/Truckee Homeless Outreach Coordinator to serve those experiencing homelessness in the region.
- 4) Family Support and Parenting Classes: CIS will provide play groups, support groups and classes aimed at decreasing family isolation, fostering development of peer networks and building skills and confidence in parents.
- 5) Mental Health Stigma Reduction: CIS will provide empowerment groups to students to promote healthy relationships, increase positive self-worth, engage and empower youth to speak out and model healthy lifestyles, and increase the understanding of mental health stigmas and how to support others and seek help.

This amendment will support program expansion and one-time purchases due to higher than anticipated MHSA revenues in FY 20/21. Funding includes expansion of staffing, program materials, technology such as tablets/laptops, and a vehicle. All material/capital purchases will be used to support program deliverables and goals.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment which helps to increase the numbers of Latinos seeking mental health treatment, prevent suicide, outreach to those experiencing homelessness, support families and parents, and decrease stigma in accessing and receiving mental health services in the Tahoe/Truckee region.

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