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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a contract with Pro- ACT, Inc. for Professional Assault Crisis Training in the maximum amount of \$66,534 for the contract term of May 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This program is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) grant dollars. The contract is within the department's FY 2022/23 budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: On June 7, 2022, Nevada County was awarded \$1,000,000 through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) grant. Part of this funding was intended to improve staff effectiveness through Trauma-Informed training to staff. Behavioral Health has recognized the need for an evidence-based de-escalation training. Pro- ACT (Professional Assault Crisis Training) has been in use for over forty years and is used widely within California.

This funding would allow for Behavioral Health staff as well as Behavioral Health contracted staff to receive Pro-ACT training. The priority will be to train staff who are most likely to respond to a crisis situation. Pro-ACT is a Trauma-Informed and Evidence- Based training that focuses on de-escalation, crisis prevention, and crisis response. The training has an emphasis on critical thinking and continued assessment to identify and address client needs, improve safety, and enhance treatment outcomes.

Training provided by Pro-ACT, Inc. will include three training sessions. Training sessions will be for twenty-six staff at a time and are two days long. This will include a total of six training days and a total of seventy-eight staff trained.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as it provides crisis prevention and management training to staff within our behavioral health system.

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