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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

between the Health and Human Services Agency - Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Nevada-Sierra Connecting Point Public Authority for reimbursement of the Career Pathways Program in the maximum amount of \$309,870 for the term of

October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: Services will be reimbursed with State funds and were budgeted in the FY 22/23 department budget. There are no County General funds required in this Agreement.

BACKGROUND: This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Nevada-Sierra Connecting Point Public Authority. The Agreement ensures collaboration between DSS and Nevada-Sierra Connecting Point Public Authority to provide Career Pathways Program to In-Home Supportive Services Providers, to allow the reimbursement of claims made to the program from DSS.

The passage of Assembly Bill 172, (Statutes 2021, Chapter 696) amended Welfare and Institution Code (W&IC) Section 12316.1, establishing the Career Pathways Program for providers of IHSS to increase the quality of care, recruitment and retention of providers for recipients, and to provide training opportunities for career advancement in the home care and health care industries. Providers who have completed provider enrollment and are eligible to work for a recipient, including registry and emergency backup providers, may participate in the Career Pathways Program.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Memorandum of Understanding.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services