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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Rebecca Slade**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with FREED Center for Independent Living for services related to the “Friendly Visitor” Program as a component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan in the maximum amount of \$66,672 for the contract term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) monies made available to Nevada County for the PEI (Prevention and Early Intervention) component of Nevada County’s MHSA Plan. Services are included in the Department’s F/Y 2017/18 budget and the Agreement requires no county general fund dollars.

BACKGROUND: The Friendly Visitor Program is administered by FREED Center for Independent Living, an agency that supports independent living for adults with disabilities and older adults. Under this Agreement, FREED will continue to provide trained volunteers to visit isolated seniors or adults with disabilities. The volunteers are assigned consumers and contact these consumers on a regular basis. The Friendly Visitor Program serves all areas of the community including Eastern and Western County Regions.

The volunteers are trained in the process of making referral(s) and following up. When appropriate, the volunteer will make referrals to a Senior Outreach Public Health Nurse or to other organizations such as SPIRIT, NAMI, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA), Behavioral Health, PEI/Suicide Coordinator, primary care physicians, and other appropriate staff either contracted or hired with PEI funding. Services provided aid in comforting individuals experiencing isolation, depression, anxiety, or

other emotional/health issues, and also provide appropriate intervention and linkages to community resources.

It is recommended that the Board approves this renewal Agreement, as it builds community capacity and collaboration for providing mental health intervention and for addressing existing and emerging problems in the County's older adults and adults with disabilities population.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rebecca Slade, MFT, Behavioral Health Director