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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2017

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Rebecca Slade

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the renewal contract

> with Foothill House of Hospitality, d/b/a Hospitality House for the provision of Homeless Outreach, Access and Linkage to Treatment Services as a component of the County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) to increase the maximum amount from \$61,797 to \$105,797 (an increase of \$44,000) for

the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) monies and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funding from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) made available to Nevada County. Services are within the Department's FY 2017/18 budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement. A budget amendment is not required.

BACKGROUND: The PEI component of the Nevada County Mental Health Services Act Plan is designed to develop and implement preventive systems to reduce the incidence of mental illness and suicide, enhance overall community wellness and provide prevention based services for those at risk for developing serious mental illness. The PATH component is designed to provide services to individuals who have a severe mental illness, or who have co-occurring severe mental illness and substance use disorders, and who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

The Homeless Outreach Program is administered by Hospitality House, an agency that provides emergency shelter and supportive services to Nevada County's homeless population. The Board of Supervisors approved a renewal contract with Hospitality House per Resolution No. 17-400 on July 25, 2017. As part of contracted services, Hospitality House continues to provide homeless outreach services. The Homeless Outreach Case Manager serves the western county region and travels to locations where the homeless tend to congregate, attempting to build connections of trust. The program seeks to help individuals receive the benefits they are eligible for, assists individuals to secure stable housing and promotes connections with other needed resources/services.

It is recommended that the Board approve Amendment #1 to the contract with Hospitality House to assist the Contractor in covering operational costs, as this agreement promotes critical linkages and outreach to intervene and coordinate care for an underserved segment of our county population.

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