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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Auburn Counseling Services, Inc., d/b/a Communicare to provide a specific treatment program for transition home clients and daily operation of Odyssey House Transition Home in the maximum amount of \$1,505,759 for the contract term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This Agreement is funded by client rent, Medi-Cal reimbursement, and Realignment. Services are within the Department's FY 2018/19 budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

This Contractor is responsible for the staffing and daily operation as well as monitoring and structuring treatment programs of Odyssey House, a transition home. Under this Agreement, the Contractor, in conjunction with the Behavioral Health staff will continue to implement and monitor a specific treatment program for transition home clients as well as develop, implement, and monitor an Independent Living Program Component for clients discharged from the transition home. The Contractor provides structured day and evening services available 7 days a week. The Transition Home will be flexible and will meet county bed needs, as determined by the county Placement Committee or Crisis Team. The goal of the program is to restore as high a level of individual functioning skills as possible to allow individuals to reintegrate into the community. Some clients leave Odyssey House and achieve independent living; some return to families, while others go on to board and care facilities. The program provides a unique element of care that greatly benefits participants. Overall these services save the Department money by often

stabilizing client's conditions to prevent the need for the more expensive higher level of care of inpatient services.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal agreement as this facility, Odyssey House, serves the needs of the mentally ill who require a place in which to gain the necessary skills to be able to live independently in the community, control the symptoms of their disorder, and begin to lead a more productive life.

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