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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a 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, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI) in the maximum amount of \$224,795 for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) monies and the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals both from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) made available to Nevada County. Services are within the Department's FY 2019/20 budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

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. As part of contracted services, Hospitality House will continue to provide homeless outreach services. The Homeless Outreach Case Manager will serve the western county region and travel 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.

Through additional grant funding through the SAMHSA Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI), Hospitality house will provide enhanced homeless outreach, case management, and housing services to those experiencing homelessness. This grant will fund a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADAC), who will focus on outreach and linkage to services, as well as a Housing Specialist, who will focus on finding permanent housing options for our clients. The Homeless Outreach Case Manager, CADAC, and Housing Specialist, are all members of the newly formed Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement (HOME) team.

The Contractor will track: the number of homeless individuals and families served; the number of individuals and families referred to another agency; the number of individuals and families that receive services from the referred agency; the number of chronically and severely mentally ill that are assessed and enrolled in behavioral health services or substance abuse treatment; and the number of individuals and families that find stable housing.

It is recommended that the Board approve this agreement as it promotes critical linkages and outreach to intervene and coordinate care for an underserved segment of our county population.

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