



# NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** July 9, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Tex Ritter

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Community Beyond Violence for the provision of coordinated and intensified domestic violence related services for CalWORKs participants and families in the maximum amount of \$44,134 for the contract term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded through the Department of Social Services CalWORKs Single Allocation dollars. The maximum is not to exceed \$44,134 for fiscal year 19/20. Services are within the Department's FY 2019/20 Budget and there are no County General Fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

Community Beyond Violence, provides trauma informed Crisis Intervention and Health and Healing Services to victims of power based violence in western Nevada County.

Under this agreement, the Contractor will designate a .50 FTE Lead CalWORKs Advocate/Counselor and a .05 FTE Program Director to ensure that no participant, whether referred from CalWORKs or referred to CalWORKs, will fall through the cracks, and that all necessary services are provided, followed up on, and tracked. Services include a needs assessment of each CalWORKs participant, including the creation of a safety plan. Clients will receive assistance with temporary restraining orders, accompaniment to court, mediation, support group counseling, individual counseling and referrals to appropriate community organizations.

CalWORKs clients with children may remain in the Community Beyond Violence Emergency housing shelter up to 30 days with possible extensions, on a month to month basis, to a maximum of 90 days. In the event the shelter is full, Community Beyond Violence will use emergency shelter funds and Family Violence Option funds to house victim/survivors in a local motel while staff explore other options for longer-term shelter. Additionally, if it is determined the Shelter is not a good match for a CalWORKs client/family; emergency housing at a local motel may be used. Shelter clients (house and motel) receive comprehensive stabilization services and support. Services include:

- Assistance to find safe, affordable housing for their families to include assistance with completing forms and advocacy with housing managers.
- Regularly scheduled groups facilitated by the Lead CalWORKs Advocate/Counselor held in conjunction with other CalWORKs services to address barriers that can keep individuals from becoming self-sufficient, utilizing a new series of workbooks that includes: 1) The Domestic Violence Survival Workbook; 2) Wellness Lifestyle Workbook; 3) The Communication Skills Workbook; and 4) Coping with Change Workbook.
- Follow up telephone calls, when clients indicate it is safe to do so, in order to provide encouragement and engagement in services.
- Health and Wellness Groups—evidence based research indicates body movement/somatic classes are key to healing from trauma.
- A monthly Legal Clinic led by a local attorney for information on various issues regarding Family Court, divorce, and custody.
- Immediate Emergency Therapy with domestic violence and sexual assault therapist until a managed care Medi-Cal therapist is identified and available.
- Annual training to CalWORKs staff and partner organizations to update them regarding services provided by Community Beyond Violence.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal contract with Community Beyond Violence to continue the important work of providing CalWORKs participants and their families, services to help them transition from a domestic violence situation to a safe, productive, independent and self-supporting life.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Social Services