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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael Ertola

Probation Department

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the execution of a renewal contract with Project H.E.A.R.T. to provide peer mentoring, peer coaching and pro-social group relationship services for adult probation clients during fiscal year 2019-2020.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

<u>FUNDING</u>: This contract in the amount of \$50,000, for fiscal year 2019-2020, is 100% funded by a combination of Federal SAMHSA grant funds, State Community Corrections Performance funds (SB678) and State Local Community Corrections Account apportionment (AB109). Funding is included in the FY 2019/20 budget and no budget amendment is needed. No general fund monies are required.

BACKGROUND: Project H.E.A.R.T, a local non-profit agency, has provided peer- mentoring support in Nevada County for the past seven years. Through this renewal contract Project H.E.A.R.T. will continue to support probation involved individuals while they work to rebuild relationships, overcome life-damaging issues and establish skills to improve social stability and functionality. By providing access to peer support and prosocial community alternatives to criminal activity Project H.E.A.R.T. supports Probation's mission to promote successful community and family integration through pro-social modes of treatment and engagement. Project HEART provides group and individual cognitive based treatment services and will begin engagement with clients while still in-custody, when applicable, to allow for a more successful reentry into the community. They provide services to Probation clients across all our caseloads once peer relationships have been identified as a criminogenic need based on a validated assessment tool.

Item Initiated by: Angelina Coffey, Administrative Services Officer

Approved by: Michael Ertola, Chief Probation Officer