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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 25, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Roos

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 2 to the

renewal contract with Common Goals, Inc. for the provision of drug testing and alcohol/drug treatment services for Child Welfare Services (CWS) to increase the Maximum Contract Price from \$80,000 to \$97,000 (an increase of \$17,000 in fiscal year 2020/21) and revise Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. (RES. 19-

438; RES. 21-002).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: These are mandated, non-optional services and are funded with Child Welfare Allocation funds, and as needed, department realignment funds. Services are within the Department's FY 2020/21 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Per Resolution No 19-438 on August 13, 2019, Common Goals performs a full range of professional drug treatment and drug testing services for referred CWS clients and which was subsequently amended on January 12, 2021 per Resolution 21-002. Services include, but are not limited to: substance abuse assessments, outpatient drug treatment programs, therapeutic services related to substance abuse issues, an anger management program, PC 1000 (deferred entry of judgment), a batterers program, and a full range of drug testing. These services are critical in healing family systems ravaged by addiction and the neglect, abuse, and child endangerment that often accompanies substance abuse.

Drug treatment services are offered as part of a court ordered and/or voluntary case plan designed to either keep children safely at home (Family Maintenance) or reunify children with their parents after being placed in foster care (Family Reunification). Family Maintenance and Family Reunification Services are mandated by Welfare and Institutions Code 361.5 and are most often court ordered, mandatory services. In a small percentage of cases, CWS will offer these services voluntarily in order to prevent costly and disruptive foster care placements.

There is an increased need for drug testing, anger management, and domestic violence services. It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as it will support the continuation of these vital drug treatment/testing services.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Roos, LCSW, Director of Social Services