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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Personal Services Contact with Auburn Counseling Services, Inc., d/b/a Communicare to increase the maximum Contract Amount to \$1,646,637 (an increase of \$140,878), revising Exhibit "A" to include procurement of furnishings for Odyssey House and revising Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum Contract Price for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. (RES. 18-291)

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 2020/21 budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Supervisors approved this renewal contract with Auburn Counseling Services, Inc., d/b/a Communicare on June 26, 2018 per Resolution No. 18-291. 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.

This amendment adds language and funds for procurement of furnishings for the County owned Odyssey House currently being completely renovation with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. In addition, it adds funds for the increase in expenses incurred by the provider due to the treatment program moving offsite for the duration of the remodel as well funds to cover added costs due to COVID.

It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution amending the renewal 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, Behavioral Health Director