

WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2020

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding

between Parr Outreach Program - Washoe County Sheriff's Office and

University of Nevada – Early Head Start Program to provide

collaboration services to pregnant women who are incarcerated [no cost to the County] for the retroactive period of April 1, 2019 until

March 31, 2022. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

This staff report asks to approve the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with the University of Nevada-Early Head Start Program providing services and support to meet the unique needs of pregnant women who are incarcerated in the Detention Facility.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

The University of Nevada-Early Head Start Program will coordinate with the Parr Outreach Coordinator at the Detention Facility in identifying clients/inmates, in providing prenatal and parenting education support and services to inmates and assisting inmates with long-term planning for their unborn child. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the University of Nevada-Early Head Start Program would like to partner and offer education, services, and support to qualified inmates to assist them in prenatal and parenting skills.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has offered these services and support to inmates in years past (FY 17/18 – 57 participated and FY18/19 – 61 participated) and would like to continue to assist inmates by providing a mechanism for genuine integration of supportive services delivered to these women in hopes it will build stronger communities and reduce recidivism.

Reason for retroactive submittal: this was submitted to the first available BCC meeting once all paperwork was received and processed.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Parr Outreach Program – Washoe County Sheriff's Office and University of Nevada – Early Head Start Program to provide collaboration services to pregnant women who are incarcerated [no cost to the County] for the retroactive period of April 1, 2019 until March 31, 2022.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board approve the Staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

"Move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Parr Outreach Program – Washoe County Sheriff's Office and University of Nevada – Early Head Start Program to provide collaboration services to pregnant women who are incarcerated [no cost to the County] for the retroactive period of April 1, 2019 until March 31, 2022."