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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 21, 2021

DATE: Friday, August 20, 2021
TO: Board of County Commissioners
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THROUGH: Alicia Lerud, Interim District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

SUBJECT: Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for behavioral health services for Medication-Assisted Treatment Court between the Second Judicial District Court and Northern Nevada HOPES, in an amount not to exceed (\$120,000), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. District Court (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Professional Services Agreement between the Second Judicial District Court (Court) and Northern Nevada HOPES (HOPES), allows the Court to offer comprehensive co-occurring therapy and medication assisted treatment to participants engaged in the Medication-Assisted Treatment Court (MAT). The MAT Court provides a formal therapeutic court to address substance use disorders, specific to opioid and alcohol use, for participants actively engaged in a medication assisted treatment program, under the direction of a licensed physician. The costs to the Court associated with serving this population include substance use and mental health disorders counseling, drug testing, case management, and other support services designed to further reduce each participant's involvement in the criminal justice system.

The Court conducted a Request for Proposal (#3135-20) in May 2020 through County Purchasing. After a thorough evaluation of each proposal, the bid from Northern Nevada HOPES was selected due to cost, comprehensiveness of services, and experience as a counseling provider. The term of the original Agreement began August 1, 2020 and ended on June 30, 2021, with a provision for two (2) one (1) year extensions from July 1st through June 30th of the respective year, at the discretion of the Court and subject to negotiations and continued funding.

County Priority supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Professional Services Agreement between the Court and HOPES will be paid for through funds from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), no match required. The award from the AOC was retroactively acknowledged by the BCC on August 17, 2021.

BACKGROUND

The 78th session of the Nevada Legislature provided a general fund appropriation of three million dollars each year of the biennium to enhance specialty court programs. A condition of this funding is to serve an additional 800-900 participants statewide, each year of the biennium. The Second Judicial District Court was awarded funding for a new MAT Specialty Court starting November 1, 2015 and continuing annually thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT

Payments for the provider will come from the AOC grant. This grant has been acknowledged previously by the BCC.

Should the board acknowledge these subawards, payments will be made from the accounts listed below.

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO# 20215	710100	\$120,000

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for behavioral health services for Medication-Assisted Treatment Court between the Second Judicial District Court and Northern Nevada HOPES, in an amount not to exceed (\$120,000), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (All Commission Districts).