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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 22, 2023

DATE: Thursday, August 17, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Acting Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Sole Source waiver to extend the established Agreement between Washoe County and New Hope Placement, PLLC aka Well Care Services, for supportive housing and coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Abuse Disorders, and/or Co-Occurring Disorders that impede their ability to live with complete independence, for the term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,404,000.00]; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve Sole Source waiver to extend the established Agreement between Washoe County and New Hope Placement, PLLC aka Well Care Services, for supportive housing and coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Abuse Disorders, and/or Co-Occurring Disorders that impede their ability to live with complete independence, for the term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,404,000.00]; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 28, 2022, the Board approved Sole Source waiver to establish an Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed [\$661,500.00] annually.

On August 17, 2021, the Board approved Amendment #1 to the Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno to support the pilot program for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence retroactive August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for [\$612,000] to be funded with Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as allowable; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing

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and Contracts Manager to execute Amendment #1; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary cross-fund, cross-function budget appropriation transfers.

On May 28, 2021, a Sole Source waiver was accepted to establish the pilot program for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence. The purpose of this pilot program is to gather data to develop a scope of work that will be able to competitively bid as an RFP. The Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno to support the pilot was executed in the amount of \$99,000 for the initial term of June 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021.

BACKGROUND

The Human Services Agency is seeking an extension of the sole source waiver for supportive housing and coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) that impede their ability to live with complete independence.

This Agreement was originally established as an emergency agreement with New Hope Placement d.b.a. Well Care Services Reno because the clients need to be moved immediately from an inappropriate shelter to a location capable of managing their medical, psychiatric, and pharmaceutical needs as well as their case management and support services needs related to their IDD or SMI diagnoses. Although, the grant award documents stated that the method of selection be by competitive bid, this was a matter of first impression for the Human Services Agency. Therefore, this pilot program was established to be able to gather the information and create a competitive solicitation as well as serve the vulnerable population. The Human Services Agency continues to collaborate with the State to establish more permanent supportive housing alternatives across the community. The Human Services Agency will go out to RFP for future services as no additional extensions will be sought until a proper solicitation has occurred.

On June 30, 2023, Amendment #2 to the FY23 Agreement between Washoe County and Well Care Services Reno was executed extending the contract term through August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$175,500 dollars to verify the funding of the agreement and execute another sole source if necessary.

On July 11, 2023, the Board approved allocation of ARPA funds through the SLFRF in the total amount of \$8,269,635 dollars, which included \$661,500 dollars to the Our Home (WellCare) Contract Services for Living Supports and Services Pilot Program extension for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

On July 18, 2023, accept the ARPA – ACT/FACT sub-grant award through the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention in the total amount of \$918,000; no county match, to provide coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD), and/or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program.

After the expiration of the extended agreement, the pilot program will end. It is expected that the Human Services Agency will develop a proposal for competitive bidding for these services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this agreement there will be no additional impact to the Human Services Agency's FY24 adopted budget as authority exists within Other Restricted Fund (F270) in IO 11911 Office of County Manager – SLFRF-WellCare, in GL 710734 (Residential Assistance) and within the Human Services Agency Homeless Fund (223) in IO 12232 Wellcare – Our Home, in GL 710100 Professional Services.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Sole Source waiver to extend the established Agreement between Washoe County and New Hope Placement, PLLC aka Well Care Services, for supportive housing and coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Abuse Disorders, and/or Co-Occurring Disorders that impede their ability to live with complete independence, for the term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,404,000.00]; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move approve Sole Source waiver to extend the established Agreement between Washoe County and New Hope Placement, PLLC aka Well Care Services, for supportive housing and coordinated services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Abuse Disorders, and/or Co-Occurring Disorders that impede their ability to live with complete independence, for the term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,404,000.00]; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement.”*