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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: December 9, 2025

DATE: November 13, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a contract with Naphcare Inc. under sole source purchasing exemption for inmate medical services for the Washoe County Detention Facility Jail Based Mental Health Unit for transitioning the current Jail Based Treatment Program to a full competency restoration treatment and evaluation model in the total amount not to exceed [$6,234,727.36] for the period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board to approve a contract for detention inmate medical services in the Jail Based Mental Health Unit to Naphcare Inc. The Nevada Department of Public Behavioral Health approved grant sub-award received by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office requires specific treatment by a health care provider to establish competency as directed by the Washoe County Court's and approved by Lake's Crossing.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 23, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved item #17, the Departments request to accept $5,889,962 (no County match) in ARPA funds to support the Jail-Based Mental Health Program for the period March 15, 2024 – December 30, 2025, authorized the creation of 10.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff positions and 1.0 FTE Sergeant funded 100% by these grant funds.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health has provided a subgrant amendment that extends the term of the original award through June 30, 2027, and increases the award by $9,991,955 bringing the total award amount to $15,881,917. This item is being brought to the Board for acceptance at their December 9, 2025 meeting and will precede this item on the agenda.

The goal of this Jail Based Mental Health Program is to introduce treatment at an earlier time in the assessment prior to adjudication of individuals with mental illness. The overarching goal and expectation of this Jail Based Mental Health Program is to mirror the intensive therapy clients receive at Lakes Crossing Center, the only maximum-security psychiatric facility providing comprehensive forensic mental health services in Northern Nevada. Nevada Senate Bill 467 was passed in 2025 granting the Washoe County Sheriff's Office authority to provide competence restorations services under advisement by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health. When individuals are court ordered for evaluation and/or treatment for restoration to legal competency, the Washoe County Jail Based Mental Health Program will reduce the time needed for incarceration by providing competency restoration treatment prior to, or without the need of State Services provided by Lake's Crossing.

The Agreement includes $4,953,649.84 for Naphcare to provide staffing, fund operating expenses (e.g., restoration education and group materials, incentive items, medical equipment, office supplies and furniture, and the deployment and management of Contractor's proprietary forensic restoration EHR), travel, training, certifications, management, and indirect costs.

The Agreement includes up to $1,281,077.52 for the actual cost and usage of non-formulary medications and long-acting injectable (LAIs) medications.

FISCAL IMPACT

This Agreement is fully funded by the Jail Based Mental Health grant from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health which is being recommended for acceptance on December 9, 2025.

Should the Board approve this Agreement, there will be no additional impact to the FY26 Washoe County Sheriff's Office adopted budget as sufficient budget authority will exist in Internal Order 12354 (Jail Based Mental Health Unit) in general ledger account 710105 (Medical Services) and in general ledger account 710703 (Biologicals). The budget authority for subsequent years will be included during the annual budget process and/or fiscal year-end close carryforward process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a contract with Naphcare Inc. under sole source purchasing exemption for inmate medical services for the Washoe County Detention Facility Jail Based Mental Health Unit for transitioning the current Jail Based Treatment Program to a full competency restoration treatment and evaluation model in the total amount not to exceed [$6,234,727.36] for the period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "approve a contract with Naphcare Inc. under sole source purchasing exemption for inmate medical services for the Washoe County Detention Facility Jail Based Mental Health Unit for transitioning the current Jail Based Treatment Program to a full competency restoration treatment and evaluation model in the total amount not to exceed [$6,234,727.36] for the period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027."