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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 26, 2017

DATE: Wednesday, September 20, 2017
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Carol A. Smith, Administrative Assistant II, Regional Animal Services
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THROUGH: Shyanne Schull, Director of Regional Animal Services

SUBJECT: Approve the renewal of the Veterinary Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Truckee Meadows Community College and the County of Washoe on behalf of Regional Animal Services for the placement of veterinary technician students at the Regional Animal Services veterinary facility. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

For the last five years, the Truckee Meadows Community College Veterinary Technician Program has held an affiliation agreement with Washoe County Regional Animal Services for the mutual benefit of both parties. Veterinary technician students, after satisfactorily completing the prerequisite portion of the curriculum, will attend hands on interactive lab settings with live animals in the Regional Animal Services facility.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Proactive Economic Development and Diversification

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 11, 2012 the BCC approved the Veterinary Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Truckee Meadows Community College and the County of Washoe on behalf of Regional Animal Services for the placement of veterinary technician students at the Regional Animal Services veterinary facility.

On September 22, 2015 the BCC approved the renewal of the Veterinary Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Truckee Meadows Community College and the County of Washoe on behalf of Regional Animal Services for the placement of veterinary technician students at the Regional Animal Services veterinary facility.

BACKGROUND

Truckee Meadows Community College, Veterinary Technician Program is a two year program with the goal of training students to become licensed veterinary technicians.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Students are required to complete seventy-three credits for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Veterinary Technology. There are various classes in the first and second year of the curriculum where students attend hands on interactive lab settings with live animals. The Regional Animal Services facility provides a unique opportunity for the veterinary technician students in that students will see animals that do not receive routine veterinary care. This presents an opportunity for the students to encounter diseases that are not seen routinely in veterinary practices. In addition, the shelter provides an opportunity for the students to see multiple species including mice, rats, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, reptiles, birds, horses, goats, etc.

Regional Animal Services benefits from the program. With the assistance of the teachers and the students the number of animals that receive care is increased. This allows the facility to meet the continuing increased demand for services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County. Student fees cover the costs of supplies and equipment that supplements what the County normally provides for the animals.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the renewal of the Veterinary Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Truckee Meadows Community College and the County of Washoe on behalf of Regional Animal Services for the placement of veterinary technician students at the Regional Animal Services veterinary facility.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

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