



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *April 14, 2020*

**DATE:** Thursday, April 09, 2020  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
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**THROUGH:** Frank Cervantes, Director  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve Professional Service Agreement between the County of Washoe (Department of Juvenile Services,), and Richard G. Weiher, Ph.D. (Consultant) to provide psychological evaluations for juvenile court and juvenile probation. The agreement shall be effective upon board approval through June 30, 2022 and [shall not exceed \$150,000] per fiscal year.. Juvenile Services (All Commission Districts).

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### **SUMMARY**

The Professional Service Agreement between the County of Washoe (Department of Juvenile Services,), and Richard G. Weiher, Ph.D. (Contractor) will provide psychological evaluations for juvenile court and juvenile probation. Juvenile Services is requesting approval for the professional services agreement outside of the Board uniform process that independent contract agreements were required as approved at the April 8, 2016 meeting.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

*None*

### **BACKGROUND**

The Second Judicial Court, through Washoe County Department of Juvenile Services, has long provided psychological evaluations for youth under the jurisdiction of the court and/or department. The high rates of mental health conditions in youth under the department's supervision make these evaluations an essential part of the rehabilitation efforts for juveniles.

The court has historically identified specific professionals with specialized training and experience in child and adolescent psychology, juvenile offending, court processes, and forensic evaluation. There is a limited number of providers who meet these qualifications and have been approved by the family court as meeting the qualifications for expert status. Dr. Weiher has been recognized by this court for over 25 years.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are sufficient funds within the approved FY20 budget to cover this agreement and it is anticipated that future budgets will continue to maintain this funding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve Professional Service Agreement between the County of Washoe (Department of Juvenile Services,), and Richard G. Weiher, Ph.D. (Contractor) to provide psychological evaluations for juvenile court and juvenile probation. The agreement shall be effective upon board approval through June 30, 2022.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *Move to approve Professional Service Agreement between the County of Washoe (Department of Juvenile Services,), and Richard G. Weiher, Ph.D. (Contractor) to provide psychological evaluations for juvenile court and juvenile probation. The agreement shall be effective upon board approval through June 30, 2022.*