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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 14, 2021

DATE: Thursday, September 09, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager
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THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada acting by and through its Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health Lake's Crossing Center and Washoe County for professional services in the form of mental health evaluations of criminal justice system defendants to be performed by the State, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,506,400] for the four-year term [\$376,600 annually]. This agreement will replace the agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners on June 22, 2021 due to a modification requested by the State of Nevada consisting of the addition of marriage and family therapists to the definition of mental health professionals in the scope of work portion of the agreement. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Since 1999, Washoe County has partnered with the State of Nevada Department of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Lake's Crossing Center professional services to provide mental health evaluations for defendants, including competency evaluations and risk assessments at the Washoe County Detention Center. The most recent contract approved by the Board of County Commissioners at the June 22, 2021 meeting has been requested to be modified by the State of Nevada with a minor addition to a definition contained in the Scope of Work. Because the agreement has not yet been approved by the State of Nevada Board of Examiners, it is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a new agreement.

The addition for consideration proposes including "or marriage and family therapist" to the definition of a Mental Health professional in section 5 of *Attachment A: Scope of Work and Deliverables*. This modification requires board approval as the contract requires all changes to be in writing per section 24 of the agreement.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 22, 2021 the County Commission approved an inter-local agreement effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025.

On November 28, 2017 the County Commission approved an inter-local agreement effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021.

On April 10, 2007 the County Commission approved an inter-local agreement effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009.

On June 23, 2009 the County Commission approved an inter-local agreement effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

On January 24, 2012 the County Commission approved an inter-local contract effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

On November 12, 2013 the County Commission approved an inter-local contract effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, not to exceed \$421,343 for biennium. On June 24, 2014 the County Commission approved Amendment #1 to Contract; amending the total not to exceed to \$478,700 for the biennium to accurately reflect the rates and terms set forth in the original contract effective retroactive July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

On June 23, 2015, the County Commission approved an inter-local agreement effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, not to exceed, \$508,700 for the biennium. On December 13, 2016 the County Commission approved Amendment #1 to the contract to change the fee basis methodology from an FTE basis to a per evaluation/report basis, and to increase the consideration to a total not to exceed \$942,400, \$471,200 annually.

BACKGROUND

Since 1999, Washoe County District Court, and its stakeholders, have partnered with the State of Nevada Department of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Lake's Crossing Center to provide mental health evaluations, including, but not limited to, competency evaluations and risk assessments at the Washoe County Detention Center. Under the contract, the Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, or Alternate Public Defender's Office make referrals to evaluate defendants housed at the Detention Center or released into the community by the Court. The proposed contract is modified downward and is for 720 evaluations per year (and 120 cancelled evaluations), over the next four fiscal years. Each evaluation takes approximately four hours. The evaluations and associated reports will be submitted to the court within fifteen working days of the referral. The mental health professionals attend court hearings as requested by the Court, the Public Defender's Office, or the District Attorney's Office and the agreement calls for the County to pay the state \$135 per hour as an expert witness, and \$70 per hour for standardized testing.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for FY 2021-22 is budgeted in the County Manager's Office-Conflict Counsel cost center 101010-Medical Exams 710868. Funding for the subsequent fiscal years will be appropriated in the budget upon approval of the County Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County to approve an Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada acting by and through its Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health Lake's Crossing Center and Washoe County for professional services in the form of mental health evaluations of criminal justice system defendants to be performed by the State, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,506,400] for the four-year term [\$376,600 annually]. This agreement will replace the agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners on June 22, 2021 due to a modification requested by the State of Nevada consisting of the addition of marriage and family therapists to the definition of mental health professionals in the scope of work portion of the agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada acting by and through its Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health Lake's Crossing Center and Washoe County for professional services in the form of mental health evaluations of criminal justice system defendants to be performed by the State, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,506,400] for the four-year term [\$376,600 annually]. This agreement will replace the agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners on June 22, 2021 due to a modification requested by the State of Nevada consisting of the addition of marriage and family therapists to the definition of mental health professionals in the scope of work portion of the agreement."