



WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

www.washoecounty.gov

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 14, 2026

DATE: Thursday, July 09, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Assistant County Manager
(775) 337-4401, rgustafson@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Kate Thomas, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to retroactively approve an extension to a contract with NaphCare Nevada LLC, originally procured via Request for Proposals (RFP) #3196-23, for three additional years, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,000,000] annually, and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the amendment and related documents. The contract will provide competency evaluations, mental health evaluations, risk assessments and other evaluations for the Second Judicial Court, the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office, Conflict Attorneys and the District Attorney upon Court Order, or at the request of one of the Departments. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively approve an extension to a contract with NaphCare Nevada LLC, originally procured via Request for Proposals (RFP) #3196-23, for three additional years, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,000,000] annually. This action is necessary to ensure the continued provision of competency, mental health, and diagnostic evaluations for individuals referred through the Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, conflict attorneys, District Attorney or Court order. The proposed extension aligns with the Washoe County Strategic Objective in supporting vulnerable populations. The contract with NaphCare includes provisions for maintaining accreditation standards, robust reporting requirements, and compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Approval of this extension will allow Washoe County to maintain uninterrupted mental health services while supporting the County's commitment to fiscal sustainability and operational excellence as outlined in the Washoe County Strategic Plan. This report is presented to facilitate Board consideration and approval of the contract extension, ensuring that the County continues to meet its statutory and ethical obligations while advancing strategic priorities.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 1, 2023, Washoe County entered into a three-year mental health contract with NaphCare Nevada, LLC for the provision of mental health court competency evaluations and assessments, resulting from Request for Proposals (RFP) #3196-23. The initial term of the agreement was March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. The original contract established a base not to exceed compensation of \$1,506,400.00 per fiscal year, with monthly invoices submitted to the County by the contractor. This amount was amended in 2023 to a not to exceed amount of 1,000,000 annually due to a smaller number of services needed than anticipated originally.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County's authority to contract for inmate health services is established under Nevada Revised Statutes, including NRS 244.1505 and NRS 244.143, which permit counties to enter into agreements with private entities for services deemed to provide substantial benefit to residents. The County is further guided by Washoe County Code Chapter 15, which governs procurement and contracting practices for public services.

In alignment with these legal frameworks, the County has historically engaged private providers to deliver medical, mental health, and dental care at the Washoe County Detention Facility, ensuring compliance with constitutional standards and national accreditation requirements such as those set by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and the American Correctional Association.

The current contractual relationship with NaphCare was established following a competitive Request for Proposals process, reflecting the County's ongoing commitment to transparency, quality of care, and risk management in correctional health services. The agreement incorporates mechanisms for contract modification in response to changes in law or scope of services and requires Board approval for any extensions or amendments, thereby maintaining oversight and adaptability within the County's statutory and operational responsibilities.

The contract specifies that compensation for any renewal term must be determined through negotiations between NaphCare and the County prior to the commencement of the extension, with any proposed increases subject to written justification and approval at the sole discretion of the County. Requests for pricing adjustments must be submitted by NaphCare and changes that negatively impacts the total not to exceed amount of the agreement are contingent upon Board approval in accordance with County procurement policy and Nevada Revised Statutes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this agreement there will be no additional impact to the Conflict Counsel's FY27 adopted budget as sufficient authority exists in cost center 101010 and GL 710842 (Psychiatric Evaluations).

While the contract includes provisions for adjustments in compensation in the event of significant changes in law, regulation, or scope of services that materially impact the cost

of providing mental health and competency evaluative services, such adjustments will require the County and NaphCare to negotiate any additional compensation as necessary, with supporting documentation provided by NaphCare to substantiate any increased costs.

The fiscal impact of the extension will be monitored as part of the County's ongoing financial oversight and reporting processes. Any modifications to the contract amount or scope resulting from negotiations or changes in law will be brought before the Board for approval prior to implementation, ensuring continued compliance with statutory requirements and fiscal transparency.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to retroactively approve an extension to a contract with NaphCare Nevada LLC, originally procured via Request for Proposals (RFP) #3196-23, for three additional years, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,000,000] annually, and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the amendment and related documents. The contract will provide competency evaluations, mental health evaluations, risk assessments and other evaluations for the Second Judicial Court, the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office, Conflict Attorneys and the District Attorney upon Court Order, or at the request of one of the Departments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, one possible motion would be:
"Move to retroactively approve an extension to a contract with NaphCare Nevada LLC, originally procured via Request for Proposals (RFP) #3196-23, for three additional years, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,000,000] annually, and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the amendment and related documents. The contract will provide competency evaluations, mental health evaluations, risk assessments and other evaluations for the Second Judicial Court, the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office, Conflict Attorneys and the District Attorney upon Court Order, or at the request of one of the Departments."