AGENDA ITEM DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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Issue: COMPETITIVE BIDDING EXCEPTION

Subject/Title:
Intensive Residential In-Patient Substance Abuse Treatment for Girls

Recommended Action:
That the Board of County Commissioners approve the contract with Nevada Homes for Youth, Inc., to provide Intensive Residential In-Patient Substance Abuse Treatment for Girls Level III, contingent upon submission of the required documentation; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or his designee to sign the contract; or take other action as appropriate.

Summary:
The following is the contract history with Clark County:

- CBE No. 2051-03-Community Based Therapeutic Intervention Program for Adolescent Girls;
- CBE No. 2044-03-Alternate Living Level III;
- CBE No. 601326-08-Counseling Services-Individual, Group, Family and Emergency Shelter Care, BCC approved December 2, 2008 (current);
- CBE No. 601387-08-Intensive Residential In-Patient Substance Abuse Treatment, Level III (for Boys), BCC approved January 20, 2009 (current).

Nevada Homes for Youth (NHFY) has provided residential services to Clark County youths for a significant number of years. In the past, they have provided group home care and specialized services to female offenders, youths transitioning to independent living, and general care for youths not able to return to their homes for a variety of reasons.

NHFY is currently under contract with Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) to provide outpatient substance abuse therapeutic counseling. The agency is considered specialized in this field, as their substance abuse treatment program design is based on Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) evidence based models. Currently, there are no other program designs based on these models here in Clark County. NHFY is unique in that the locale will provide for essential parental involvement and participation, as well as providing for a step-down aftercare component to accelerate the transition from residential treatment back to the community.

In addition, NHFY is certified by the State of Nevada, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) as a service prevention provider whose mission is to implement substance abuse strategies and prevention programs aimed at reducing and preventing substance abuse in Nevada.
Although Juvenile Justice Services is able to successfully assess these youths, community treatment geared for adolescents is lacking. Traditionally, local providers have not been interested in providing residential substance abuse treatment in Clark County. DJJS has one contract with Odyssey House, located in Utah, and another with Westcare, located in Harris Springs, that provides for a total number of treatment beds of not more than 20 (male and female) for the entire County.

With the rapid population growth of Southern Nevada, Clark County requires the services of all qualified providers of these types of services, as no one provider can handle all the client referrals from DJJS. Contracting with NHFY will provide an additional resource for youths and families in Clark County.

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