



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SYSTEMS OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 9, 2021

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Community Solutions International, Inc. Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED

Ratify execution of an agreement with Community Solutions International, Inc for data quality services regarding the Built for Zero Collaborative to support participating communities to end homelessness beginning September 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 through March 31, 2025, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to \$5,000, consistent with each agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Placer County joined the Built for Zero Collaborative in October 2018, forming a local team of county and community expert stakeholders to coordinate and implement its efforts. The goal is to achieve a month-over-month reduction of the number of people experiencing homelessness through a targeted effort addressing veteran and chronic homelessness. Built for Zero is a national change effort working to help a core group of committed communities end veteran and chronic homelessness. Coordinated by the non-profit group, Community Solutions, the national effort supports participants in developing real time data on homelessness, optimizing local housing resources, tracking progress against monthly goals, and accelerating the spread of proven strategies. Placer County meets regularly with local county and community experts to collaborate regarding housing strategies and updates with our Veterans from the By-Name-List in the county. In fiscal year 2019-2020 Placer County was able to permanently house 66 out of 92 Veterans. Placer County's first Built for Zero initiative - 49 x 4/9 was close to meeting its goal as a community permanently housing 36 of the 49.

Community Solutions works with the County's team to improve the reach and quality of its data through a real-time, by-name list measured by specific data quality standards established by Community Solutions monthly, to ensure to end chronic and/or veteran homelessness according to our functional zero standard and sustaining that progress. Then move on to end all homelessness, including youth, families, and all single adults. It is imperative that each Built for Zero community commits to end homelessness, instead of managing it and pursue racial equity.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these mandated services is funded through a blend of Federal, State, and County General Fund dollars and is included in the Department's FY 2020-2021 Budget.

The agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

