

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** December 5, 2023

**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar {{item.number}}

**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with VOTC, Inc., dba Visions of the Cross, for sober living, recovery residences, and other therapeutic services.

**DEPARTMENT:** Support Services

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** All

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Monica Fugitt, Director of Support Services, (530) 225-5515

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Monica Fugitt, Director of Support Services

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
Simple Majority Vote	No Additional General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve an agreement with VOTC, Inc., dba Visions of the Cross, for sober living, recovery residences, and other therapeutic services, in an amount not to exceed \$849,000 for the period December 7, 2023, through December 6, 2026.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Board approved an agreement with VOTC, Inc., dba Visions of the Cross as presented by HHSA Behavioral Health and Social Services on July 5, 2023, and a previous agreement with Probation on June 15, 2021. This agreement is being presented to combine the needed services provided by VOTC into one countywide agreement. By combining these services into a single agreement, the County accomplishes a few things; ensures rates are consistent countywide, avoids scope of work overlap, lessens the amount of time auditing invoices, and reduces staff time in processing multiple agreements. Additionally, Support Services – Purchasing processes agreements whereby multiple county departments can utilize the services and to avoid contract splitting.

Sober living and recovery residences are a collaborative effort between VOTC, HHSA, and Probation and reduces recidivism while offering a supportive living environment for those in recovery and their children. These homes offer a unique and vital component of supporting continued engagement in substance use disorder treatment while helping to establish a strong foundation for long-term recovery. When clients can be engaged with social and environmental support, coupled with a lower level of outpatient services, there is a greater chance of retaining them in the spectrum of care.

Upon execution of this agreement, the prior agreements will be mutually terminated.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board could choose not to approve the recommendation which would leave the existing agreements in place. The Board could defer consideration to a future date, or provide alternate direction to staff. None of these alternatives are recommended as these services are a vital component to recovery. The residential program provides safe housing, support and structure for those experiencing alcohol or substance abuse related disorders by providing detox services, group and individual counseling, community based support groups, recreational, and other recovery focused activities for people working towards recovery from a substance use disorder.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

Support Services Department-Purchasing worked in collaboration with the County Administrative Office, HHSA, and Probation on the agreement. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form. Risk Management has approved the agreement. The Recommendation has been reviewed and approved by the County Administrative Office and the Auditor-Controller.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional General Fund impact from this amendment. Appropriations associated with this agreement are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Budget and will be included in future proposed budgets.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1: PSA with VOTC