



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCCC000088 increasing the Youth Home expenditure budget by \$7,200 to cover the increased contract cost of providing psychiatric services and medication management to juveniles in the Durham County Youth Home. Funding for this need will come from funds that were set aside at the outset of FY 2020-21 to address potential revenue shortfalls and/or address expenditure overages. The Board is also requested to authorize the County Manager to sign the amended contract with Psychiatric Services and Consultation to add psychiatric services and medication management for juveniles in the Youth Home.

Background/Justification

CJRC currently has a contract with Psychiatric Services and Consultation (PSC) for mental health services at the Durham Detention Center. This contract amendment will add two to three (2-3) service hours per week to the existing contract with PSC to interview youth detained and prescribe and review medications on established review intervals. The Youth Home currently does not provide regular onsite psychiatric services and transports youth to community-based services if these services are needed. Since “Raise the Age” and associated legislation went into effect, more juveniles are confined for longer periods of time at the facility due to very serious charges. This approval will allow the youth to remain at the Youth Home, reducing security risks and developing a regular medication management protocol for those remaining at the facility. The Youth Home will be billed at the hourly rate of \$200 for these services. CJRC and the Youth Home will collaborate to continue these services next fiscal year which will be reflected in next year’s budget requests.

In 2014, the Criminal Justice Resource Center assumed the contract for psychiatric services in the Durham Detention Center through a Memorandum of Agreement with Alliance Behavioral Health Care. At that time, Psychiatric Services LLC, and its sole proprietor Dr. Patricia Knaudt, had been providing the service at the Detention Center for several years under a contractual agreement with The Durham Center. As the facility’s Mental Health Director, per the Jail Medical Plan, the psychiatrist holds the ultimate responsibility for making clinical decisions concerning the care of mental health clients.

Durham County Purchasing Division issued a Request for Qualifications for Professional Psychiatric Services (RFQ 18-033) for the Detention Center in May 2018. Psychiatric Services and Consultation, PC was the only respondent.

The County Attorney’s Office has reviewed the service contract amendment.

Policy Impact

The agenda item is consistent with historical Board of County Commissioner support for mental health services in Durham County detention facilities and continued support for providing enhanced services for youth in the juvenile justice system.

Procurement Background



Type of purchase

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- ☐ Construction and Repair

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☒ No ☐

Goods: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$90,000$

Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption
- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☐ Other (please explain)

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, why?

Fiscal Impact

This agenda item will require a transfer of \$7,200 from set aside funding into the Youth Home FY2020-21 budget.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.21BCCC000088 increasing the Youth Home expenditure budget by \$7,200 to cover the increased contract cost of providing psychiatric services and medication management to juveniles in the Youth Home. The Board is also requested to authorize the County Manager to sign the amended Psychiatric Services and Consultation contract.