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Legislation Text

File #: 15-0008, **Version:** 1

Agreement with Substance Abuse Center of Kansas (SACK) for the Community Crisis Center.

Recommended Action: Approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Background: The Community Crisis Center (CCC) seeks to create a center and system of integrated services located in Wichita that holistically addresses the needs of individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The CCC project expands existing crisis services to promote rapid stabilization and avoid ER admissions, local hospitalization, state hospitalization and jail bookings. The project expands existing crisis services through the addition of: 23 hour crisis stabilization beds; crisis sobering services with average length of stay of 8-12 hours; crisis acute medical detox services with average length of stay of 3-5 days; children's short-term crisis residential services.

The target population includes children, adolescents, and adults in the Butler, Sumner, and Sedgwick County area who are at risk of needing a higher level of care, including voluntary or involuntary local and state hospitalization, due to the mental health crisis and/or crisis related to a co-occurring substance use disorder. Challenges being faced include growing incarceration rates, increased law enforcement referrals to the mental health system, increased use of emergency departments by those experiencing a substance use disorder, and increased use of psychiatric hospitalization due to lack of community-based alternatives. The Community Crisis Center seeks to address these issues by providing an alternative for these individuals in our community.

COMCARE has partnered with SACK and has agreed to award SACK \$490,926.00 in funding to provide crisis detoxification services at the Community Crisis Center. These services include: assessment services to determine level of care, peer recovery services, sobering services, clinically-managed residential withdrawal management, medically-monitored residential withdrawal management, and discharge planning and referrals to ongoing treatment services.

Alternatives: If this agreement is not approved the Community Crisis Center will not be able to provide detoxification services at the Community Crisis Center. Without detoxification services the Community Crisis Center will be less capable of addressing the needs of individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis due to co-occurring substance use disorders.

Financial Considerations:

Cost: \$490,926.00

Term: 1-1-15 to 6-30-15

Funding center: New cost center created for the Crisis Intervention Services Community Crisis Center (Approved by the BoCC on 1/7/15, Legistar item 14-1903).

Budget Authority Adjustment: No additional budget authority is being requested, sufficient authority is included in the 2015 budget.

Legal Considerations: The authority for this action is K.S.A. 19-101 and a simple majority vote is required.

Policy Considerations: All Sedgwick County policies have been followed in the development of this proposed staffing change.