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## Legislation Text

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### **Amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the Crisis Community Center Project.**

Recommended Action: Approve the amendment to the 2015 Capital Improvement Program.

On behalf of COMCARE, Project Services is submitting a CIP Amendment for the Crisis Community Center. In October 2014, the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) awarded \$1,000,000 to the community mental health centers in Region # 3 (Sedgwick, Butler and Sumner Counties) to implement a Community Crisis Center in Sedgwick County. The cost of purchasing and renovating a building that was originally selected as the site for the center was prohibitive. Instead, COMCARE began a scaled down version of the Community Crisis Center in order to implement the program and to make use of the state grant. Three new services were implemented with this: 23-hour observation chairs, sobering beds and social detox services. (COMCARE also expanded some existing services). Recently modified were two storage rooms in the Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program at 1720 E. Morris to make space for the detox and sobering services operated by the Substance Abuse Center of Kansas (SACK). COMCARE moved some providers into other COMCARE program locations in order to provide sample space for the 23 hour observation services. It was recently realized that COMCARE's current administration building at 635 N. Main would make an ideal location for the Community Crisis Center due to its size, central location, and due to the fact that the building once served as a residential facility and currently has fire sprinklers installed.

COMCARE believes that community partners (Via Christi, City of Wichita Liquor Tax Coalition, SACK, etc.) are poised to provide some ongoing funding once the program is fully implemented but there is a sense of urgency as KDADS's original grant funding will be exhausted sometime this fall (2015). The outcomes so far have been significant, and while COMCARE will be seeking ongoing state funding, they will also need local funding to sustain the center.

The plan would be to move COMCARE's current administrative staff to 934 N. Water and vacant space in the Historic Courthouse when the COMCARE crisis program, in a current lease site at 934 N. Water, moves into the 635 N. Main building. This would occur as soon as possible to get the program in the building and during the necessary renovations to make the space safe and up to licensing standards for individuals in crisis to stay overnight and provide a space for sobering and detox services.

This project will include design and construction to alter the existing floor space of the COMCARE Administration building at 635 N. Main to accommodate the Community Crisis Center. The facility is 15,103 square feet and modifications will include a secure reception area, five residential care facility bedrooms, laundry room, four shower facilities, and sobering observation and detox area. The facility will receive anti-ligature accessories throughout the facility open to clients.

Alternatives: Not approve the amendment and the project would not proceed.

Financial Considerations: Architecture and Engineering fees \$18,660, Construction \$265,679 = Total Project Budget \$284,339

Budget authority of \$200,000 will come out of the CIP Contingency Reserve Fund; \$85,000 will come from the 2015 budget for the COMCARE Grants Fund. No additional budget authority is being requested within the COMCARE Grants Fund.

Legal Considerations:

Policy Considerations:

Outside Attendees:

Multimedia Presentation: