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Legislation Text

File #: 15-0425, **Version:** 1

Renewal Agreement with Project Independence to support services for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness.

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

Background: Project Independence Inc. is a mental health consumer-run organization that offers social activities, opportunities for leadership, education, training, and research for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness. Services are provided in a drop-in setting with paid, trained consumer peer counselors and are designed to reduce consumers' social isolation. Transportation services are offered to consumers with no other means of transportation to the program. Project Independence programming includes a 12-step recovery group, Schizophrenic Anonymous, and a Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) group. This contract is a renewal, and there were no changes to the contract this year. The program is required to submit monthly financial reports and quarterly program reports on their progress toward performance goals.

Alternatives: Project Independence is the only consumer-run organization in Sedgwick County, and this contract helps support their work with adults who have a mental illness. The program is an important part of the continuum of supports available to help consumers maintain their mental health in Sedgwick County. Socialization is one of the most challenging, yet important, elements of complete recovery.

Financial Considerations:

Cost: \$59,000.00

Funding Source: 310246-16

Term: 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

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

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

Policy Considerations: All Sedgwick County policies have been followed in the development of this renewal agreement.