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## Legislation Text

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### **Renewal Agreement with the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education and the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

**Background:** COMCARE has a successful partnership with the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME) and the University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita (KU) which allows third year psychiatry residents to complete a rotation at COMCARE. The residents are KU students and employed by WCGME; COMCARE reimburses WCGME monthly for the actual cost for each resident (approximately 1.3 FTE positions) for a total amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.

The psychiatry resident program is beneficial for both residents and COMCARE. COMCARE receives high quality services at a relatively low cost and the residents receive experience at a community mental health center. Having residents also provides COMCARE with the opportunity to interact with these physicians, and many of our psychiatrists have come from this program.

This agreement is a renewal, and no substantive changes were made this year.

**Alternatives:** Quality medical services are expensive but very necessary to adequately address mental health issues. This agreement with WCGME provides a relatively low cost option to serve COMCARE consumers with high quality medical services via the residents. Without this agreement COMCARE consumers would have less timely access to medical services and/or COMCARE would have to find another means of providing medical services, either via a contract or the addition of another doctor to the staffing table - both of which would be more expensive.

#### **Financial Considerations:**

**Cost:** Not to exceed \$65,000.00

#### **Funding Sources:**

\$16,250.00 310276-16 CSS Medical Services  
\$16,250.00 310106-16 Crisis Center Medical Services  
\$16,250.00 310346-16 Center City Medical Services  
\$16,250.00 310369-16 ATS Medical Services  
**Term:** 07/01/15 to 06/30/16

**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 and a simple majority vote is required.

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