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Legislation Text

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Affiliation agreement renewal between Wesley Medical Center, the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, and the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education for a Medicare Graduate Medical Education (GME) Residency Program at COMCARE.

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

Background: Wesley Medical Center, the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME), the University of Kansas School of Medicine- Wichita, and COMCARE have established a partnership to provide training for residents in a nonhospital setting. Each entity of the affiliation provides a component of the overall requirements for the training of residents, and the contract outlines this relationship. The two agreements allow residents in pediatrics and pediatric internal medicine to gain knowledge in the area of child psychiatry by observing and consulting with COMCARE's child psychiatrist, Dr. DeAnn Jenkins. Dr. Jenkins meets with residents a few times a month. The residents do not provide services to COMCARE clients.

These are renewal agreements and no significant changes were made this year.

Alternatives: The contract has minimal quantifiable cost to COMCARE, since residents primarily observe Dr. Jenkins provide services. Dr. Jenkins takes time as needed to answer questions from the residents but this does not interfere with her work with clients or impact COMCARE financially. Licensed child psychiatrists are rare in our community and these two contracts (one for pediatrics and one for pediatric internal medicine residents) provide new doctors with valuable information on child psychiatry that will be useful to them in their practices, as well as beneficial to the overall well being for the community. Without these contracts the residents would not gain this experience and knowledge of the community mental health center system and child psychiatry.

Financial Considerations: As mentioned above, the contracts have little quantifiable costs to COMCARE. The hospital pays the residents' salaries. COMCARE simply allows the residents to observe our child psychiatrist and ask questions as necessary.

Cost: \$0

Term: 01/01/16-12/31/20

Budget Authority Adjustment: There is no additional budget authority 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 were followed in the development and review of these renewal agreements.