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## Legislation Text

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### **Contract between South Central and COMCARE for funding to provide services at the Community Crisis Center.**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the contract, authorize the Chairman to sign, and authorize the establishment of budget authority as provided in the financial consideration section of this request.

**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 expanded existing crisis services to promote rapid stabilization and avoid ER admissions, local hospitalization, state hospitalization and jail bookings. The CCC did this through the addition of: 23 hour crisis observation beds; crisis sobering services with average length of stay of 8-12 hours; crisis detox services with average length of stay of 3-5 days; children's short-term crisis residential services.

The target population includes children, adolescent, and adults in the Butler, Sumner, and Sedgwick County area who are at risk of 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 department by those experiencing substance use disorder, and increased use of psychiatric hospitalization due to lack of community based alternative. The Community Crisis Center seeks to address these issues by providing an alternative for these individuals in our community.

This contract between South Central and Sedgwick County will provide funding for the detox and sobering services provided at the Community Crisis Center in the amount of \$200,000. This contract provides funding specifically for detox and sobering services.

**Alternatives:** If this contract is not approved the Community Crisis Center could potentially lose the current detox and sobering services. Sedgwick County will continue to experience an increased use of ER admissions, local hospitalization, state hospitalization and jail bookings.

#### **Financial Considerations:**

\$200,000.00 received from South Central

Additional revenue will be received through Medicaid fees in the amount of \$750,000.

**Budget Authority Adjustment:** Additional budget authority is being requested for the 2016 budget in the amount of \$200,000. Last year a new budget was established for the Community Crisis Center and this amount was not included in the 2016 Adopted 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.