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Legislation Text

File #: 16-279, **Version:** 1

Agreement to Provide After Hours Mental Health Emergency Services for South Central Mental Health Counseling Center (SCMHCC).

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

Background: As a licensed community mental health center, South Central Mental Health Counseling Center must provide 24-hour mental health services for consumers in Butler County. They have elected to contract with COMCARE's Crisis Intervention Services (CIS) program, which provides 24-hour mental health services seven days a week for Sedgwick County, to meet this need. CIS will administer after-hour services between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekdays, weekends and all holidays for Butler County. The services provided include: 1) crisis intervention, counseling, and consultation for clients of SCMHCC, or residents of Butler County; 2) consultation with professional staff members of SCMHCC; and 3) consultation and referral to professional caregiver, law enforcement agencies, and other service organizations regarding mental health emergency situations.

This contract is renewing services that were provided to SCMHCC last year. Due to billing changes regarding state hospital screens with the States Managed Care Companies (MCO) the fees charged to SCMHCC have changed slightly from last year. The contract outlines the specific guidelines to be followed for services provided. SCMHCC agrees to reimburse COMCARE \$400.00 per month for administrative fees, \$315 per state hospital screen completed, plus \$2.00 (not to exceed \$180 for any single day) per minute for face to face tele-video and/or emergent services.

Alternatives: The agreement provides needed services that must be delivered in a less densely populated area without creating a financial burden, and also generates additional revenue for COMCARE. Services are provided on an as-needed basis by COMCARE, without which SCMHCC would have to find an alternative provider.

Financial Considerations:

Administrative Fee: \$400.00 per month

Inpatient Screen: \$315 per state hospital screen

After-hours Emergency Services (face-to-face): \$2.00 per minute

Funding Source: 310036-16

Term: 1/1/16- 12/31/16

Budget Authority Adjustment: No additional budget authority is being requested. Sufficient budget authority is 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 renewal.