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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 16-281, **Version:** 1

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### **Agreement to Provide After Hours Mental Health Emergency Services for Southwest Guidance Center.**

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

**Background:** As a licensed community mental health center, South Southwest Guidance Center must provide 24-hour mental health services for consumers in Seward, Stevens, Haskell, and Meade Counties. 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 seven days a week twenty-four hours per day and on holidays. The services provided include: 1) crisis intervention, counseling, and consultation for clients of Southwest Guidance Center, or residents of Seward, Stevens, Haskell, and Meade Counties; 2) consultation with professional staff members of South Central Mental Health Counseling Center (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 been provided to Southwest Guidance Center last year. Due to billing changes regarding state hospital screens with the States Managed Care Companies (MCO) the fees charged to Southwest Guidance Center have changed slightly from last year's contract. The contract outlines the specific guidelines to be followed for services provided. Southwest Guidance Center agrees to reimburse COMCARE \$800.00 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 Southwest Guidance Center would have to find an alternative provider.

**Funding Source:** 310036-16  
\$800- Administrative Fees  
\$315 per state hospital screen  
\$2.00 per minute of emergent services.  
**Term:** 1/1/16 to 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.