

Legislation Text

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Partnership Agreement between COMCARE and GraceMed for the Integration Clinic.

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

Background: COMCARE and GraceMed will be implementing a reverse co-location integrated care model by expanding GraceMed's scope of work as a Federally Qualified Health Clinic by placing a new GraceMed clinic within COMCARE's Outpatient Service located at 1919 N. Amidon. This location is ideal because it is COMCARE's largest service location by patient volume and even more specifically as it is where a large number of medical service providers reside and will therefore naturally increase collaboration between medical teams. Providers will work collaboratively and share ownership of patient outcomes. Collaborative consultations will be routine practice and will have consistent screening of both behavioral and physical health needs. COMCARE and GraceMed have agreed to use their resources to provide necessary care management/coordination and health promotion activities for chronic conditions as warranted. GraceMed will also utilize their existing referral specialist to access specialty and other care in the community.

In 2015 COMCARE was awarded a grant through the Sunflower Foundation to being the implementation of this reverse co-location integrated care model including the hiring of a Medical Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). The contract outlines the requirements in order to provide funding to GraceMed for the hiring of APRN to provide services to County and GraceMed patients.

Alternatives: If this contract is not approved GraceMed will have to secure funding from another source to hire an APRN which could delay the opening of the integration clinic.

Financial Considerations: Cost: \$68,753 Funding: 311026-16 Term: date of execution - 12/31/16

Budget Authority Adjustment: No additional budget authority is being requested. Sufficient budget authority is included in the 2016 budget.

Policy considerations: All Sedgwick County policies have been followed in the development and review of this agreement.

Legal considerations: The authority for this action is K.S.A. 19-101 and Resolution 64-2013.