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Legislation Text

File #: 16-504, **Version:** 1

Amendment to the contract between South Central and COMCARE for funding to provide services at the Community Crisis Center.

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

Background: The Community Crisis Center (CCC) created 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 Emergency Room admissions, local hospitalization, state hospitalization, and jail bookings. The CCC did this through the addition of: 23 crisis observation beds; crisis sobering services with an average length of stay of 8-12 hours; crisis detox services with an average length of stay of 3-5 days; and children's short-term crisis residential services.

The target population includes children, adolescents, and adults in the Butler, Sumner, and Sedgwick County area who are at risk and need a higher level of care, including voluntary or involuntary local and state hospitalization, due to a mental health crisis and/or a 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 departments by those experiencing substance use disorders, and increased use of psychiatric hospitalization due to the lack of community alternatives. The Community Crisis Center seeks to address these issues by providing an alternative for these individuals in our community.

This amendment outlines the additional funding of \$300,000 for the CCC, raising the total for the contract to \$500,000.00.

Alternatives: If this contract is not approved the Community Crisis Center could lose additional funding that will help improve the services currently being provided at the CCC.

Financial Considerations:

\$300,000.00 received from South Central.

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

Fund Center: 311036-17

Term: 1-1-16 to 6-30-17

Budget Authority Adjustment: No additional budget authority is being requested at this time.

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.

