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Legislation Text

File #: 16-674, **Version:** 1

Professional Service Amendments (2) to Provide Inpatient Psychiatric Care for COMCARE Consumers.

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

Background: These professional service agreements provide coverage for COMCARE consumers receiving inpatient treatment at local hospitals. Dr. Shah, MD, is a local psychiatrist who provides inpatient psychiatric services to COMCARE consumers hospitalized at Via Christi St. Joseph and Via Christi Behavioral Health campus. Dr. Shah provides approximately 60 hours of service per month, and has contracted with COMCARE since 2007 to provide these services. Dr. Coyner, MD, is a local psychiatrist who also provides inpatient psychiatric services to COMCARE consumers hospitalized at the Via Christi Behavioral Health campus. Services include consultation, charting, diagnosing, and treating patients receiving inpatient care. Dr. Coyner provides services generally Monday through Friday, and has contracted with COMCARE since 2007 to provide these services.

These amendments extend the current contracts until December 31st 2016. Changes in our legal system surrounding individual contractors have changed since the last contract was completed with these two providers. COMCARE is requesting to extend these contracts until December 31st in order to provide additional time to complete new arrangements with Dr. Coyner and Dr. Shah to continue providing these much needed services.

Alternatives: It is a generally accepted practice for COMCARE to ensure that inpatient psychiatric physician services are available to COMCARE patients presenting at local hospitals. Without this agreement, COMCARE would be required to identify another method to ensure patients receive these inpatient services.

Financial Considerations:

Cost: \$65,000.00 - Dr. Shah

\$72,981.00 - Dr. Coyner

Funding Source: 310729-17 Crisis Inpatient Services

Term: 10/1/15 to 12/31/16

Budget Authority Adjustment: Sufficient budget authority is included in the 2017 budget, no additional budget authority is being requested.

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 these renewal agreements.