

Legislation Text

File #: 17-234, Version: 1

Amendment to the Agreement with Southwest Guidance Center to Provide Mental Health Emergency Services.

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 extend their current contract with COMCARE's Community Crisis Center (CCC), which provides 24-hour mental health services seven days a week for Sedgwick County, to meet this need. CCC will administer inpatient pre-admission tele-video screening services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week including weekdays, weekends and holidays for Seward, Stevens, Haskell, and Meade County residents. 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 amendment extends the current contract until April 30th, 2017.

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: 310036-17 \$400- Administrative Fees \$315 per state hospital screen \$2.00 per minute of face to face tele-video and/or telephone emergent services

Term: 1/1/17 to 4/30/17

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