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Legislation Text

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Consideration of a grant in the amount of \$297,743 from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) to provide enhanced supported employment services.

Recommended Action: Approve the grant renewal and authorize Marilyn Cook, or her designee, to sign the grant agreement.

Grant Renewal: Yes

Never Applied: No

Applied; not awarded: No

Grant Summary and Timeline: In an effort to strengthen the existing Individual Placement Support (IPS) Supported Employment Services in Kansas, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) applied for the Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment grant is a research grant using the IPS evidenced practice model. KDADS received the grant and has selected two Community Mental Health Centers to implement the expansion of Supported Employment services. In 2014 COMCARE was selected as one of two Mental Health Centers to receive this five year research grant that will fund the Enhanced Supported Employment of Kansas (ESEK).

The focus of this grant is on expanding IPS Supported Employment Services to adults suffering from a serious mental illness, including those who have a mental illness and a co-occurring substance use disorder. The goal of this grant is to strengthen the existing infrastructure needed to maintain and expand supported employment services throughout the state of Kansas and increase the number of individuals with serious mental illness and co-occurring mental and substance use disorder that obtain and retain competitive employment. There is also be a local steering committee that works to identify and ameliorate barriers that individuals with mental illness face when seeking employment.

This is a one year grant that has the option to renew for four (4) one year periods for a total of \$1,581,732 in funding over a five year period. This grant agreement is the second of four renewals. This grant currently funds one program supervisor, four full-time case management positions and two part-time peer support specialist, that work specifically with individuals who have serious mental illness or a mental illness and a co-occurring substance use disorder seeking to obtain employment. Due to the process of staffing new positions and the slow implementation from KDADS COMCARE had unspent funds in the first year of the grant. Those funds were rolled over into the second year allowing additional staff to be hired. As of May 2017 two full time case managers have been transferred to another COMCARE program to better meet the funding levels in the third year of the grant.

Financial Considerations:

Grant period starts: 9-30-16
Grant period ends: 9-29-17
Source of funding Grant: \$ 297,743.00
Required Match: \$
Required Cash Match: \$
Required In-Kind Match: \$
Other funding: \$166,199
TOTAL SOURCES \$463,862
Uses of funding (Note: Include any Required Matches in your totals)

Operational costs: \$5,760
Personnel: \$383,557
Contractual services: \$71,015
Operational supplies: \$
Equipment: \$
Indirect administrative costs: \$
Capital projects cost: \$
TOTAL USES \$463,862
Source of matching funds:
Source of other funding: Medicaid Fees & unencumbered cash.

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

Personnel considerations: There are no personnel considerations for this grant.

Expected measurable outcomes:

1. Provide IPS Supported Employment services to a minimum of 25 clients during the first year and 50 clients per year in 2-5.
2. Establish local supported employment steering committee to address barriers and improve opportunities for competitive employment.
3. Utilize peer mentors to support clients receiving the IPS Supported Employment Services
4. Reduce barriers to clients obtaining and sustaining competitive employment.

Alternatives: If this grant is not approved COMCARE will lose a great opportunity to expand Supported Employment Services and the ability to serve additional consumers, especially those individuals who are uninsured or under-insured. Any consumers that would benefit from this grant would have to find other resources to assist them in finding employment. These resources may not be as specialized in working with individuals with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorder as COMCARE.

Legal Considerations: The authority for this action is K.S.A. 19-101 and a simple majority vote is required. Standard federal and state grant conditions apply. In addition, COMCARE must participate in a survey of the ESEK project.

Policy Considerations: All Sedgwick County policies have been followed in the development of this proposed staffing change.