

Sole Source Justification – 2016-DC-BX-0013 Courage to Change

Description of Program and Service Contracted - Pinellas County and the Sixth Judicial Circuit will enhance the capacity of its Adult Drug Court by providing complementary treatment services through the implementation and application of a new Courage to Change Program (CTCP). The program specifically targets high risk /high need PADC participants who re-offend and/or fail to comply with PADC guidelines and are thus at risk of drug court failure. The CTCP will focus on the range of criminogenic risks/needs which historically and typically contribute to a cycle of relapse and return to drug use, incarceration, failure to acclimate to the community in a productive independent manner, and ongoing recidivism. The CTCP is designed to target individuals whose re-offending behavior is not identified as primarily attributable to organic causes such as co-occurring mental health disorders or trauma. Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Consultants, a subsidiary of Wayne A. Grosnick & Associates, PA, will provide direct clinical oversight for and will directly deliver treatment and intervention services to all participants in the CTCP). Pinellas County intends to enter into a sole source agreement with Solutions in the amount of \$246,788 over the three-year grant period.

Explanation for Non-Competitive Purchase - Pinellas County completed a full competitive bid process in 2014 for outpatient treatment services for participants of the Adult Drug Court. Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Consultants was awarded a contract to provide assessments for all prospective and active drug court participants effective on October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017, with a possible extension until 2019. Solutions has been a county contracted provider of the Pinellas Adult Drug Court since 2010.

Solutions had advised the Court in 2015 that they believed we could retain long-term participants who were still likely to fail by addressing some of their lingering criminogenic thinking patterns. The Courage to Change Program proposal evolved from this ongoing discussion with drug court partner Solutions. After discussing training and readiness for the delivery of the proposed services, the Court agreed that Solutions was specially situated to add this enhancement in a cost effective way.

Administrative clinical supervision for the delivery of services will be provided by Solution's Chief Administrator, Sean King, MS, RMHCI. Mr. King is certified in the delivery of the Change Companies Interactive Journaling System as both a counselor/therapist as well as a trainer for counselor/therapists.

Statement of When Contractual Coverage is Required – Contractual coverage was required to be fully operational by January 2017, however, the drug court believes that with Solutions they can be operational with the enhancement as of November 2016. As stated above, an RFP process for outpatient treatment had been completed for adult drug court treatment. A new RFP for an additional treatment enhancement would have required a minimum of four to five months to accomplish including necessary Board approval, delaying the entire project implementation planning until after that time. The financial impact of this delay to have been about \$100,000 in lost services for the first year of operation, plus costs to administer a nearly identical RFP to the one that had already been issued.

Unique Qualities of the Contractor – Since its inception in 1997 Solutions has maintained as its primary mission the providing of superior quality substance abuse and behavioral healthcare treatment to individuals and families who require a highly personalized, individual, and structured plan of recovery. Unlike many other larger organizations, the cornerstone of Solutions success over the years has been its willingness and ability to respond to the needs of individuals and families immediately and personally. Direct access to both administrative and clinical staff 24/7, 365 days a year when necessary has consistently been the Solutions method of operation and has set Solutions apart from most if not all other providers, both public and private, within the behavioral healthcare profession in the Tampa Bay area.

Other Points of Note – This justification for sole source purchases demonstrated above meets the purchasing requirements of Pinellas County Government, and thus, the contract is ready to be approved by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

Best Interest – The granting of this sole source request is deemed in the best interest of the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Federal Government.

Conflict of Interest – Neither Pinellas County nor the Sixth Judicial Circuit have a conflict of interest in regard to the granting of this request. This was thoroughly checked each time Solutions was granted a new contract and contracts required the reporting of any potential conflicts while in place.