



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

First Amendment with BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc. for mental health services to clients of the Healthcare for the Homeless Program.

Recommended Action:

Approve the First Amendment with BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc. (BayCare) for behavioral health assessments and brief intervention services for Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) clients at Bayside Clinic and other community sites.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need

2.4 Support programs that seek to prevent and remedy the causes of homelessness and move individuals and families from homelessness to permanent housing.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationship and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

Amendment extends services for three months to allow BayCare to provide critical crisis intervention and prevention to vulnerable HCH clients and other populations within the community. BayCare staff will provide immediate assessments and brief interventions which may include multiple visits to resolve short-term concerns to clients identified through behavioral health screening conducted by primary care staff.

The Amendment extends the expiration date of the Agreement to June 30, 2018. The extension allows the services to continue uninterrupted while pursuing migration into an integrated case management model that is being planned.

Background/Explanation:

Immediate access to behavioral health support has the potential to reduce non-urgent emergency room visits and hospitalizations caused by untreated mental illness or substance abuse. BayCare will continue to provide staff on-site at the Bayside Health Clinic and co-located in community locations.

The original Agreement with BayCare commenced on October 1, 2017 for a six month period to continue critical services that were initially established by a grant from the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). During the six month period, BayCare staff served 254 unduplicated clients, 11 of which were connected with crisis stabilization services. The remainder of the clients were

referred to their primary care provider, Directions for Living, or treated on site.

With the planned implementation of an integrated case management pilot (the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance), services offered under this agreement will be aligned with Personal Enrichment for Mental Health Services (PEMHS) to ensure seamless access effective June 2018.

Fiscal Impact:

Original contract expenditure not to exceed: \$150,000.00

First Amendment increase not to exceed: \$ 75,000.00

Revised contract expenditure not to exceed: \$225,000.00

Funding for the amendment is derived from the FY18 Coordinated Case Management Decision Package.

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this Amendment is granted under Code Section 2-62 (a)(1).

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Healthcare Administrator, Human Services

Partners:

BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc.

Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County

Directions for Living, Inc.

Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services

Attachments:

Amendment 1

Original Executed Contract