

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 19, 2023

[X] Consent [] Regular
[] Ordinance [] Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Community Services

Submitted For: Community Services

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Amendments to Agreements for Provision of Financial Assistance with the below listed agencies, to extend the end date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024 and increase the total funding amount by \$6,241,692, contingent on budgetary appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for the terms of these agreements, to continue improving behavioral health outcomes for residents with mental, substance use and co-occurring disorders:

- A) Amendment No. 1 with American Association of Caregiving Youth, Inc. (AACY) (R2021-1475), for the provision of behavioral health support services for caregiving youth, to increase the agreement by \$37,000 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$111,000;
- B) Amendment No. 1 with Boys Town South Florida, Inc. (BTSF) (R2021-1476), for the provision of behavioral support services for children, youth, young adults, and their families, to increase the agreement by \$399,901 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$1,193,733;
- C) Amendment No. 1 with Center for Child Counseling, Inc. (CCC) (R2021-1477), for the provision of community-based treatment and services to children, youth, and young adults, to increase the agreement amount by \$207,953 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$623,374;
- D) Amendment No. 1 with Children's Case Management Organization, Inc., dba Families First of Palm Beach County (R2021-1478), for the provision of behavioral health services to children, youth and young adults, and kinship families, to increase the agreement amount by \$175,054 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$525,162;
- E) Amendment No. 1 with Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County, Inc. (DAF) (R2021-1479), for the provision of medical detox services and intense residential treatment services to residents, to increase the agreement amount by \$1,305,000 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$3,915,000;
- F) Amendment No. 1 with Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc. (DATA) (R2021-1480), for the provision of behavioral health services to children and youth in residential treatment and non-residential treatment, to increase the agreement amount by \$255,000 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$765,000;
- G) Amendment No. 1 with For the Children, Inc. (FTC) (R2021-1481), for the provision of community-based treatment and services to children and youth, to increase the agreement amount by \$245,366 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$736,098;
- H) Amendment No. 1 with Housing Partnership, Inc. (HP), dba Community Partners of South Florida (R2021-1482), for the provision of behavioral health support services, including supportive housing, to residents, to increase the agreement amount by \$411,275 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$1,233,825;
- I) Amendment No. 1 with Jeff Industries, Inc. (JI) (R2021-1483), for the provision of supportive employment services to low-income adults with severe and persistent mental illness, to increase the agreement amount by \$165,000 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$495,000;
- J) Amendment No. 1 with South County Mental Health Center, Inc. (SCMHC) (R2021-1484), for the provision of behavioral health services to residents, to increase the agreement amount by \$2,563,133 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$7,690,414; and
- K) Amendment No. 1 with Wayside House, Inc. (WH) (R2021-1485), for the provision of a partial hospitalization program on-site community-based day treatment and services, to increase the agreement amount by \$480,000 for FY 2024, for a new three (3) year total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$1,440,000.

Summary: On August 17, 2021, the BOCC approved funding allocations for the Financially Assisted Agencies (FAA) Program. The amendments are needed to continue behavioral health services currently in place. On October 19, 2021, the BOCC approved agreements for Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder. The Office of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorders (OBHSUD) is amending each of the FAA agreements for one additional year, without which they will all expire on September 30, 2023. Services under the amendments are provided to Palm Beach County (PBC) residents. For FY 2024, approximately 6,723 clients will be served in the Behavioral Health Services Category. In FY 2022, 6,852 clients were served in the Behavioral Health Services Category. Dr. Connie Siskowski, an employee of AACY is a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services (CAC/HHS). Alton Taylor, an employee of DAF is a member of the Public Safety Coordinating Council and Criminal Justice Mental Health & Substance Use Council. These boards provide no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding the subject contract or transaction. Disclosure of these contractual relationships at a duly noticed public meeting is being provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. (Financially Assisted Agencies) Countywide (HH)

Background and Justification: (On Page 3)

Attachments: Amendments to Agreements for Provision of Financial Assistance (11)

Recommended By: James E. Green 3/24/2023
Department Director Date

Approved By: [Signature] 9/12/2023
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	\$6,241,692	\$6,241,692			
External Revenue					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$6,241,692	\$6,241,692			
No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes X No
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No X

Budget Account No.:
 Fund 0001 Dept 740 Unit Var. Object 8201 Program Code Program Period

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
 Funding Source is Palm Beach County.**

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C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Julie Dowe, Director of Finance and Support Services

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

Lisa Mastri 9/5/23
 OFMB GA 8/28 MG 9/5

Eric J. Jacobs 9/12/23
 Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Helene C. King 9-12-23
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

Background and Justification: The BCC identified the opioid epidemic, behavioral health, and substance use disorders as a strategic priority. On November 1, 2022, the BCC approved the Plan Update to address behavioral health and substance use disorders and later approved an Advisory Committee to enhance the County's capacity and effectiveness in formulating comprehensive, integrated, and effective behavioral health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders prevention, treatment, support, and recovery policies. Data shows how urgent these efforts are to reduce substance use and co-occurring disorders deaths. In 2021, the Medical Examiner's Office (Office) reported 529 opioid-related deaths and in 2022, reported 418 opioid-related deaths. For the first two quarters of 2023, the Office reported 152 confirmed opioid-related deaths, with 50 pending final determination. Given emerging drug trends that are proving to be more dangerous, information sharing and coordinated actions are critical to delivering an effective and efficient system of care.