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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 24, 2019

**DATE:** Thursday, September 5, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Jackie Bryant, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

**SUBJECT:** **Recommendation to acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for behavioral health services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Ridge House, Quest Counseling, and Bristlecone Family Resources, in an amount not to exceed [\$109,473 per provider] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (All Commission Districts.)**

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### SUMMARY

The Professional Services Agreement between the Second Judicial District Court (Court) and Ridge House, Quest Counseling, and Bristlecone Family Resources, allows the Court to offer comprehensive substance use and mental health disorders counseling to participants engaged in the Adult Drug Court (Drug Court). The costs to the Court associated with serving this population include substance use and mental health disorders counseling, drug testing, case management, and other support services designed to further reduce each participant's involvement in the criminal justice system.

The Court conducted a Request for Proposal (#3101-20) in August 2019 through County Purchasing. After a thorough evaluation of each proposal, the bids from Ridge House, Quest Counseling, and Bristlecone Family Resources, were selected due to cost, comprehensiveness of services, and experience as a counseling provider. The term of the original Agreement will be for a period of nine months, beginning October 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020, with a provision for two (2) one (1) year extensions from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the respective year, at the discretion of the Court and subject to negotiations and continued funding.

County Priority supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

The Court conducted a Request for Proposal (#2987-16) in June 2016 through County Purchasing. Three proposals were received in response to the RFP. After a thorough evaluation of each proposal, the bid from Bristlecone Family Resources (BFR) was selected due to cost, comprehensiveness of services, and experience as a drug court provider. The term of the original Agreement was for a period of eleven months, beginning August 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017 with extensions granted for two (2) one (1) year periods from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the respective years.

The Board of County Commissioners acknowledged this subaward at the August 23, 2016 meeting as agenda item #12.

**BACKGROUND**

The Adult Drug Court was established by the Second Judicial District Court in 1995 as a specialty court designed to engage the substance abusing criminal offender in intensive therapeutic and judicial intervention.

Requests for Proposals were released in December 2002, March 2006, March 2010, and April 2013, for substance use disorder counseling services. The bids from Bristlecone Family Resources were selected due to cost, comprehensiveness of services, and experience as a drug court provider.

- Request for Proposals:  
 2003 – RFP# 2370-03  
 2006 – RFP# 2534-06  
 2010 – RFP# 2730-10  
 2013 – RFP# 2856-13

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Payments for the providers will come from two sources. \$300,000 will come from the AB29 Adult Drug Court grant and \$28,420 from the SAMHSA grant. Both of these grants have been acknowledged previously by the BCC.

Should the board acknowledge these subawards, payments will be made from the accounts listed below.

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO# 20215	710100	\$300,000
IO# 11574	710100	\$28,420

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for behavioral health services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Ridge House, Quest Counseling, and Bristlecone Family Resources, in an amount not to exceed [\$109,473 per provider] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (All Commission Districts).

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Move to acknowledge the Professional Services Agreement for behavioral health services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Ridge House, Quest Counseling, and Bristlecone Family Resources, in an amount not to exceed [\$109,473 per provider] (no match required), to support the Specialty Court programs, effective October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (All Commission Districts).