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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 27, 2021

DATE: Monday, March 15, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Sarah Thompson, Specialty Courts Program Manager,
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THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court

SUBJECT: Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the Addendum to Contract Terms for Professional Services Agreement for Substance Use and Mental Health Counseling Services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and The Empowerment Center for an additional amount not to exceed \$3,200, for a total not to exceed amount of \$25,700 to support the Specialty Courts programs, effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 District Court (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

The Professional Services Agreement between the Second Judicial District Court (Court) and The Empowerment Center allows the Court to offer comprehensive co-occurring therapy and transitional living to participants engaged in Adult 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 term of the original Agreement began October 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021, with a provision for three (3) one (1) year extensions from July 1st through June 30th of the respective year, at the discretion of the Court and subject to negotiations and continued funding. The addendum allows for an increase in Transitional Living services provided from six (6) female participants per month up to ten (10) female participants per month. The rate per participant will remain as previously negotiated. The amount previously approved will increase up to \$3,200 through June 30, 2021. All other terms and conditions previously agreed to shall remain in effect.

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board acknowledged a grant award on June 23, 2020, in the amount of \$907,378.40, awarded to the Second Judicial District Court, which was used, in part, to fund Adult Drug Court.

The Board acknowledged an agreement between the Court and The Empowerment Center on October 27, 2020 in the amount of \$22,500 to support the Specialty Courts programs, effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT

Payments for the provider will be paid from the SAMHSA grant. The revenue received from the SAMSHA grant was previously acknowledged 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# 11574	710100	\$3,200

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissions retroactively acknowledge the Addendum to Contract Terms for Professional Services Agreement for Substance Use and Mental Health Counseling Services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and The Empowerment Center for an additional amount not to exceed \$3,200, for a total not to exceed amount of \$25,700 to support the Specialty Courts programs, effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (all Commission Districts).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to retroactively acknowledge the Addendum to Contract Terms for Professional Services Agreement for Substance Use and Mental Health Counseling Services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and The Empowerment Center for an additional amount not to exceed \$3,200, for a total not to exceed amount of \$25,700 to support the Specialty Courts programs, effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (all Commission Districts).