
Sponsor: County Attorney's Office

Meeting Date: 1/13/2026

Title: Single Source Agreement with Children's HealthCare Corporation

File Number: 2025-544

Background and Rationale:

Youth in the Runaway Intervention Program (RIP) who have been referred to the County Attorney's Youth Justice and Wellness Division many times have suffered multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), resulting in significant health and social consequences that require focused and specialized intervention to avoid well-established lifelong consequences. Midwest Children's Resource Center (MCRC) utilizes highly trained Advanced Nurse Practitioners and trauma-informed therapists to deliver physical and mental healthcare-based interventions to youth in the Ramsey County community. These professionals are constantly refining interventions based upon emerging science and best practices. These include providing treatment to prevent HIV and Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorders. No other program in Minnesota is delivering community-based healthcare to high-risk youth of the depth, breadth and quality as MCRC. Furthermore, these services cannot be replicated because MCRC is the only hospital-based child advocacy center in our region and this unique setting fosters the groundbreaking interventions delivered by MCRC.

As the service provider of the intensive services component of the Runaway Intervention Program, MCRC provides services that are unique in several ways. The services are provided by an Advanced Nurse Practitioner specially trained to work with sexually exploited and/or trafficked adolescent girls. These nurses can meet the physical, emotional, mental health and chemical health needs of at-risk youth. Specifically, the services include a comprehensive health care assessment of all runaways referred, as well as intensive services for all youth who qualify for on-going services.

The intensive services include:

- 1) alcohol, chemical dependency, and mental health screenings;
- 2) treatment for problem substance use, PTSD, depression, and anxiety;
- 3) regular visits with youth at their homes, schools and in the community;
- 4) direct provision of ongoing individualized supportive services, including health care, health care screenings, alcohol/drug education, mentoring and parent education and parent coaching;
- 5) assistance and support to enroll in and continue receiving additional supportive services to address the needs of the youth; and
- 6) collecting evaluation data and reporting this information to the program evaluator.

The success of the intensive services provided by MCRC is well established and the program has been evaluated rigorously since its inception.

The county's contract with Children's Healthcare Corporation is a maximum not to exceed contract. Children's Healthcare Corporation has provided these youth intervention services to Ramsey County since 2006. The county shall pay the following quarterly rates of \$40,664.25 per quarter for a maximum annual not to exceed of \$162,657 for these years. The total not to exceed amount over the life of this contract is \$691,293.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the selection of and single source agreement with Children's Healthcare Corporation, 2525 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404-1844, to provide individualized supportive services through its Midwest Children's Resource Center for the period of January 13, 2026, through March 31, 2030, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board