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**Sponsor:** County Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Safety and Justice, Health and Wellness

**Meeting Date:** 7/23/2024

**Title:** Amendment to the Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Therapeutic Youth Treatment Homes and Violence Prevention - Wrap Around Service

**File Number:** 2024-328

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**Background and Rationale:**

In connection with Ramsey County's strategic priority of Centering Community and Wellness in its 2023 Legislative Platform, two priority areas were added to develop wellness centered placement options for youth, and to develop wrap around services for those youth and their families.

- Pursue legislation to create culturally appropriate, intensely therapeutic, community-based home placement options for youth involved in the justice system.
- Pursue funding for the creation of family support groups and resources to support families during the time a young person is placed out-of-home and support the family through the period of post-placement reentry.

Through a cross-county collaboration of Government Relations, County Manager's Office, Deputy County Managers of Safety and Justice and Health and Wellness, County Attorney, County Sheriff, Social Services, Community Corrections, several bills were authored and passed with direct appropriations for Ramsey County. The implementation of this work is co-sponsored by Health and Wellness Service Team, Safety and Justice Service Team, Ramsey County Attorney's Office, and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners initially approved these two grant agreements at the May 5, 2024 board meeting. The grant agreements were signed and executed by the county and Minnesota Department of Public Safety on June 11, 2024. Following the 2024 Legislation session and the passing of 2024 Session Law 93rd Legislature, Regular Session, CHAPTER 123, the appropriation for the Therapeutic Youth Treatment Homes grant was made available through June 30, 2026, an extension from the initial end date of June 30, 2025. Thus, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety has initiated an amendment to the grant agreement to extend the timeline.

**Ramsey County Youth Treatment Homes**

\$4,640,675 grant to Ramsey County to establish, with input from community stakeholders, including impacted youth and families, up to seven intensive trauma-informed therapeutic treatment homes in Ramsey County that are licensed by the Department of Human Services, that are culturally specific, that are community-based, and that can be secured. These residential spaces must provide intensive treatment and intentional healing for youth as ordered by the court as part of the disposition of a case in juvenile court.

**Ramsey County Violence Prevention - Wrap Around Services**

\$4,750,000 grant to Ramsey County to develop new and further enhance existing community-based organizational support through violence prevention and community wellness grants. Grantees must use the money to create family support groups and resources to support families during the time a young person is placed out of home following a juvenile delinquency adjudication and support the family through the period of postplacement reentry; create community-based respite options for

conflict or crisis de-escalation to prevent incarceration or further systems involvement for families; or establish additional meaningful employment opportunities for systems-involved youth.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the amendment to the grant agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Therapeutic Youth Treatment Homes for the period upon execution through June 30, 2026.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Therapeutic Youth Treatment Homes grant in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, including changes to grant award amounts and grant extensions.
4. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Violence Prevention - Wrap Around Services grant in accordance with the county's policies and procedures, including changes to grant award amounts and grant extensions.
5. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreement and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funds.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner McGuire.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By:   
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Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board