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**Sponsor:** Property Management and Housing Stability

**Meeting Date:** 1/18/2022

**Title:** Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Face to Face Health & Counseling Services, Inc.

**File Number:** 2022-001

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**Background and Rationale:**

Face to Face Health & Counseling Service, Inc. ("Face to Face"), a non-profit organization dedicated to the needs of youth ages 11 to 24, has been providing drop-in center services for youth in the Metro Square building since October 1, 2015. These services include assistance with food, clothing and finding shelter for those experiencing homelessness and those at risk for homelessness for ages 14 to 21. The lease, as previously amended, expired on December 31, 2021 and Face to Face continues its occupancy by holding over as authorized under the terms of that lease. Recognizing the importance of these services, especially with consideration of the extraordinary challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Face to Face and the county wish to extend the lease for six months through June 30, 2022.

As part of the terms of the six-month lease extension, no rent will be charged for the extension period. Under the terms of the First Amendment to the Lease dated January 12, 2021, no rent was charged for the period from June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

A zero-dollar lease extension through June 2022 constitutes a public purpose expenditure within the county's authority. The services provided by Face to Face will: benefit the public health, safety, general welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of the whole community as a body; relate directly to Ramsey County's governmental functions; and will not have the primary objective of benefitting a private interest.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Face to Face Health & Counseling Services, Inc., 1165 Arcade Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106 for space in the Annex of the Metro Square Building, 121 East Seventh Place, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55101, from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, at no additional rental cost.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease amendment.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By:   
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board