

Board of Commissioners Resolution

B2020-240

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Sponsor: County Attorney's Office

Meeting Date: 12/1/2020

Item Number: 2020-536

Title: Amendment to the Agreement with Northeast Youth and Family Services

Background:

The County has recognized the need to provide more youth opportunities to make amends for the harm they have caused without furthering their justice involvement and saddling them with collateral consequences that will inhibit their ability to successfully transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency. Therefore, the need for diversion services for youth is increasing. The County is increasingly relying on community partners to provide youth with community-based alternatives to traditional justice system involvement to:

- a. help youth understand the impact of their actions on others;
- b. promote healing, accountability, community safety and wellness;
- c. address the underlying contributors to harmful behavior and meet individual needs of youth;
- d. improve connections to school, community and positive caring adults;
- e. engage youth in positive pro-social activities; and
- f. support youth to prevent harmful behavior from recurring.

Ramsey County entered into a two-year professional services agreement for diversion services with the option to renew the term of the agreement for three one-year periods with Northeast Youth and Family Services. Ramsey County is now in the final months of the final year of this contract. Adding \$30,000 to the existing agreement with Northeast Youth and Family Services will allow the County Attorney's Office to continue to provide these diversion services to youth through 2020. All other terms of the professional services agreement with Northeast Youth and Family Services will remain the same.

The County Attorney's Office has a current ongoing Request for Proposals posting to procure services for 2021 and beyond. Contracts with new vendors will be brought to the County Board for approval in December.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the amendment to the Agreement with Northeast Youth and Family Services for diversion services to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the contract to \$380,000 from \$350,000 with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Ayes – 7: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, Carter. Motion passed.

By: 
Janet M. Guthrie, Chief Clerk – County Board