




Interoffice Memorandum

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
and the Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 5, Contract Y17-1088-LC, Short Term
Residential Program for Adult Victims of Human Trafficking

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Amendment No. 5, Contract Y17-1088-LC, Short Term Residential Program for Adult Victims of Human Trafficking, with Aspire Health Partners, Inc., in the amount of \$375,000, for a revised total contract amount of \$1,500,000.

PURPOSE:

This amendment will extend and fund the contract for a six-month period to support continuity of these services during an extension period and to allow sufficient time for the Procurement Division to re-issue a solicitation. A solicitation for these services was issued on June 3, 2020. However, proposals in response to the solicitation were non-responsive; as a result, the procurement was cancelled and requires re-solicitation.

DISCUSSION:

The Board approved this contract on September 19, 2017, for a six-month pilot program within a budget of \$375,000, renewable for two additional one-year terms within an annual budget of \$750,000 each year.

This short term residential program was envisioned to meet the basic needs of adult female human trafficking victims in a safe, stable, transitional living environment, as well as to provide a point-of-entry to the continuum of community care. The department has received Board approval to transition the pilot program into permanent status.

The program provides services to victims/survivors who are residents or otherwise have been victimized or arrested in Orange County. Aspire Health Partners, Inc. provides crisis intervention services in a safe and stable environment where they can be engaged in services toward recovery while more permanent safe and stable housing can be secured. The service provider offers all residents entering the program a thorough assessment that addresses the multiple needs of the targeted population to include mental health, substance abuse, housing, education, and benefits. Additionally, the service provider engages with community partners to provide housing, substance abuse assessment and treatment, mental

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health screening and therapy, employability services, legal services, counseling, and health screening and medical care.

Previous amendments are as follows:

- **Amendment No. 1:** Renewed the contract for an additional one-year term, in the amount of \$750,000, for the first renewal period of March 25, 2018 through March 24, 2019.

This amendment renamed the contract, removing any mention of the word “shelter” and also changed the payment structure of the contract from cost reimbursement to fixed costs and revised the provision for reporting.

- **Amendment No. 2:** Renewed the contract for an additional one-year term, in the amount of \$750,000, for the second renewal period of March 25, 2019 through March 24, 2020.
- **Amendment No. 3:** Included a revision to the project outcomes section of the scope of service.
- **Amendment No. 4:** Extended the current term of the contract for an additional six-month period to allow discussions between the department and the Board regarding transition of the program from a pilot to permanent status. The contract total was increased by \$375,000, for a revised total contract amount of \$1,125,000.