



Interoffice Memorandum

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

FROM: 

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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Y24-2222, Better Access to Treatment Project
Women's Residential Treatment Program

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contract Y24-2222, Better Access to Treatment Project Women's Residential Treatment Program, with Specialized Treatment Education and Prevention Services, Inc. (STEPS), in the total contract award amount of \$702,698 for a one-year term. Further request authorization for the Procurement Division to renew the contract for two additional one-year terms.

PROCUREMENT:

This contract will serve low-income Orange County, Florida, residents experiencing opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental health disorders. Priority populations include justice-involved individuals, people with severe and persistent substance use disorders, and pregnant and post-partum women with OUD without Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. The performance period is May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 1256-060-0399-8610. Funding is provided by Regional Opioid Settlement Funds, who approves funding for medical, psychological, and social support services.

APPROVALS:

The Health Services Department Drug Free Office concurs with this recommendation.

REMARKS:

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 17, Article III, Section 17-286 – Application and exclusions, agreements between the Board and nonprofit organizations are excluded from competitive procurement requirements.

The overarching goal of this program is to increase access to medication for OUD, mental health treatment, and social support services for individuals with substance use and mental health disorders.

Services are provided for Orange County, Florida, female pregnant or parenting residents experiencing an OUD substance use and mental health disorder that a licensed clinician deems necessary to treat. Treatment and Recovery Support Services include residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allows or integrates medication with other support services.

The funding for this contract will provide 10 residential treatment beds for women and their children. Services will include Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for services to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured pregnant women expansion. Also, comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including Medication-Assisted Treatment for women with co-occurring OUD and any other Substance Use/Mental Health disorders for uninsured individuals for up to 12 months postpartum.

STEPS shall provide monthly reporting including, but not be limited to:

- The number of days treatment beds are billed.
- The number of individuals receiving specific treatment in the various programs across the continuum of care.
- The number of residents receiving specific wrap-around social services
- The number of residents provided pre-natal/post-natal care.
- The number of successful discharges.
- The number of unsuccessful discharges.
- Referrals to specific community support and agencies with the invoice.