



April 16, 2019

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

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Subject: Approval of Funding Agreement Y19-1103 for the Provision of
Training Qualified Mental Health Professionals in the Modular
Approach to Therapy for Children

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Funding Agreement Y19-1103 for the Provision of Training Qualified Mental Health Professionals in the Modular Approach to Therapy for Children between Orange County, Florida and Judge Baker Children's Center in the amount of \$340,000, for a 1-year term. Further request authorization for the Procurement Division to renew this contract for two additional 1-year terms.

PROCUREMENT:

This agreement establishes a program whereby agencies implement evidence based practices utilizing the Modular Approach to Therapy for Children (MATCH) for the Youth Mental Health management Network.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account 0001-062-2519-8610.

APPROVALS:

The Mental Health and Homelessness Division 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 non-profit entities are excluded from competitive procurement requirements.

Since 2013, the Youth Mental Health Commission (YMHC) has been intentionally working with stakeholders across Orange County to develop a project for youth with attempts to improve Orange County's behavioral health access. As a result of working to develop a systematic plan for change it became apparent that our community lacked the necessary evidence based training and implementation of practices to improve outcomes for youth with serious behavioral health issues.

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The YMHC membership and major funder strongly recommended MATCH to be implemented across our system, and the YMHC agreed to pursue this training and credentialing.

MATCH will train and certify clinicians in four single interventions and will implement a train the trainer model in each intervention to promote sustainability. There are currently three entities credentialed by the purveyor of MATCH to bring this training into a community, but only Harvard Medical School's Judge Baker Children's Center has included a credentialing component that works with agencies to embed key foundational supports and mechanisms in participating agency's infrastructure.

Training and credentialing in MATCH will be overseen by Judge Baker Children's Center and will be open to all participating mental health service providers working with the YMHC.

By approval of this funding agreement, the Youth Mental Health Commission will provide necessary training and credentialed providers to the system of care, which will provide youth and families with improved outcomes.