



## Interoffice Memorandum

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 7, Contract Y19-1104, The Multi Systematic  
Therapy Psychiatric (MST-Psych) Program for Mental Health and Homeless  
Issues Division

### ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Amendment No. 7, Contract Y19-1104, The Multi Systematic Therapy Psychiatric (MST-Psych) Program for Mental Health and Homelessness Division, with The Devereux Foundation, Inc. dba Devereux Advance Behavioral Center, in the amount of \$753,970.46, for a revised total contract amount of \$1,383,970.46.

### PROCUREMENT:

This amendment will provide funding to retain the current staff of four full-time employees (FTE) Therapists, one FTE Crisis Case Worker, one FTE Supervisor and one 20% of a full time employed, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner to perform work set forth in the MST-Psych Program, and recruit and train a second Multisystemic Therapy - Psychology MST-Psych team of the exact staffing pattern to meet the growing need for high-intensity behavioral health services for children and youth within Orange County.

### FUNDING:

Funding is available in account numbers 0001-062-2501-8610 and 0001-062-2519-8610. Funds are available in Orange County Mental and Behavioral System of Care Community Analysis funding in the amount of \$623,622.01 and the remaining \$130,348.45 are available in County general revenue funds.

### APPROVALS:

The Community and Family Services Department concurs with this recommendation.

### REMARKS:

**MST-Psych** is an extremely well researched and effective evidence-based practice used to treat youth who have severe and persistent psychiatric disorders. The Clinical Committee of the Orange County Youth Mental Health Commission recommended that MST-Psych be implemented in our community because of the incredible outcomes this therapy has produced around the world for some of the hardest to treat mental illnesses and behavioral disorders.

**Program Goals** include improving mental health outcomes, preventing, or reducing severe aggressive behavioral, emotional, and psychiatric issues in children.

**Enrollment/Referral Criteria** is for youth between the ages of 9 and 17, at risk of out-of-home placement due to serious behavioral problems and co-occurring mental health symptoms.

**Referrals/how people know about the services** MST Psych is promoted at monthly Youth Mental Health Commission meetings, through the Youth Mental Health Commissions High Intensity Outpatient Options Booklet and discussed with community -based and school-based partners, such as Orange County Public Schools. Youth and Families enrolled in Breakthrough are also prioritized for services, as MST-Psych is among the service array for families in the pilot project.

On May 7, 2019, the Board authorized award of Contract Y19-1104 with The Devereux Foundation, Inc. dba Devereux Advance Behavioral Center in the total contract award amount of \$630,000, for a one-year term. The performance period for the contract is August 22, 2019, through August 21, 2020.

Previous amendment to the contract is as follows:

Amendment No. 1.: Renewed the period from August 22, 2020 through August 21, 2021. The contract amount remained unchanged.

Amendment No. 2: Added language to Section 2-D. The contract amount remained unchanged.

Amendment No. 3: Renewed the period from August 22, 2021 through August 21, 2022. The contract amount remained unchanged.

Amendment No. 4: Renewed the period from August 22, 2022 through August 21, 2023. The contract amount remained unchanged.

Amendment No. 5: Revised Exhibit B – MST-PSYCH Program Budget Proposal. The contract amount remained unchanged.

Amendment No. 6: Revised the contract period to August 22, 2022 through August 31, 2023. The contract amount remained unchanged.