



Interoffice Memorandum

April 20, 2023

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

~~FROM:~~ Carrie Mathes, CFCM, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, C.P.M., Manager II,
Procurement Division

CONTACT: Donna Wyche, Manager, Mental Health and Homelessness Issues Division
407-836-7608

SUBJECT: Approval of Contracts, Y23-2402-MM, Behavioral Health Community
Analysis Recommendations

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contracts, Y23-2402-MM, Behavioral Health Community Analysis Recommendations, with Aspire Health Partners, Inc. for Lot A, in the overall total annual amount of \$1,500,000 for a one-year term, Specialized Treatment Education and Prevention Services, Inc. (STEPS) for Lot B, in the overall total annual amount of \$395,493 for a one-year term, Aspire Health Partners, Inc. for Lot C, in the overall total annual amount of \$1,000,000 for a one-year term, and Specialized Treatment Education and Prevention Services, Inc. (STEPS) for Lot D, in the overall total annual amount of \$393,301 for a one-year term. Further request authority for the Procurement Division to renew each contract for one additional one-year term.

The proposals were evaluated by the Procurement Committee on April 12, 2023. Commissioner Mayra Uribe was assigned to the Procurement Committee.

PROCUREMENT:

These contracts will disperse federal grants funds from U.S. Health Resources and Services Administrator to agencies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 5896-019-8611-8610. Funding is provided via a federal grant through the American Rescue Plan Act. Funding will support expansion of the following services; all services are recommendations in the Orange County Mental and Behavioral Health System of Care Community Analysis.

APPROVALS:

The Mental Health and Homelessness Issues Division concurs with this recommendation.

DISCUSSION:

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a public health need for increased access to mental health services. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shares that this stress can cause feelings of fear, anger, sadness, worry, numbness, or frustration. According to the CDC, which surveyed adults across the U.S. in late June of 2020, 31% of respondents reported symptoms of anxiety or depression, 13% reported having started or increased substance use, 26% reported stress-related symptoms, and 11% reported having serious thoughts of suicide in the past 30 days. These numbers are nearly double the rates before the pandemic.

The World Health Organization has researched and studied the effects of COVID-19 on mental illness. Two key findings of this research include:

- Risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 was higher among people living with mental disorders.
- Among people living with mental disorders, illness severity and mortality increased with younger age and disorder severity.

Given the increased risk and prevalence of mental illness, coupled with the breaks in care associated with COVID-19 and gaps in available resources as noted in the *Orange County Mental and Behavioral Health System of Care Community Analysis Report*, the following services are required:

Lot A: Assisted Outpatient Treatment and Psychosocial Rehabilitation
Lot B: Adult Intensive Outpatient Services
Lot C: Medication Assisted Treatment
Lot D: Care Coordination

The above programs will be available to any Orange County Resident meeting criteria for said services. Funding will support Aspire Health Partners and STEPS to increase staff to provide services that will expand access to outpatient services and medication assisted treatment for individuals with substance abuse disorders, primarily opioid use disorders.

Two proposals were received in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) and were evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP. The consensus scores of the Procurement Committee are attached.



Interoffice Memorandum

April 11, 2023

To: Megan Miller, Contracting Agent
Procurement Division

FROM: Sheena Ferguson, Manager *S. F.*
Business Development Division

SUBJECT: Business Development Division Bid Evaluation
Y23-2402- MM Behavioral Health Community

Orange County would receive federal funding for the services solicited in the Request for Proposal. Accordingly, Orange County's M/WBE Ordinance and program do not apply to this solicitation.

Orange County shall participate in the Federal Requirements 2 CFR 200.321 (or 45 C. F. R. 75.330 for Health and Human Services funds) to ensure small and minority-owned firms, women-owned business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms have been afforded subcontracting opportunities.

The Business Development Division evaluated the two proposals to denote whether an executed and notarized "Affidavit of Compliance Requirements" form submitted with the proposal was in compliance with the Federal Requirements. Aspire Health Partners and Specialized Treatment Education and Prevention Services, Inc (STEPS) provided the executed and notarized their Federal Compliance forms. Aspire Health Partners did not list any small and minority-owned firms, women-owned business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. STEPS indicated not applicable on their Federal

Also, I confirm that my recommendation is free of conflicts of interest.

cc: Contract File

Procurement Committee Meeting - April 12, 2023 at 1:00PM
RFP Y23-2402-MM; BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS

LOT A - ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT AND PSYCHOSOCIAL REHAB

LOT B - ADULT OUTPATIENT (IOP)
LOT C - MEDICATED ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)
LOT D - CARE COORDINATION

CRITERIA	QUALIFICATIONS OF STAFF	QUALIFICATIONS OF AGENCY (Lots A-D)				TECHNICAL APPROACH (Lots A-D)				FEE SCHEDULE (Lots A-D)				VOLUME OF PREVIOUS WORK	LOT A Total Weighted Points	LOT B Total Weighted Points	LOT C Total Weighted Points	LOT D Total Weighted Points
	ALL LOTS	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	ALL LOTS				
Weighted Value	20	20				25				25				10	100	100	100	100
ASPIRE HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.	60.00	75.00		80.00		75.00		75.00		93.75		100.00		1.00	304.75		316.00	
<i>Donna Wyche</i>	3.00	4.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		4.00		1.00				
<i>Heather Thomas</i>	3.00	4.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		4.00		1.00				
<i>Claudia Yabrody</i>	3.00	4.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		4.00		1.00				
<i>Commissioner Uribe</i>	3.00	3.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		1.00				
<i>Consensus or Average</i>	3.00	3.75		4.00		3.00		3.00		3.75		4.00		1.00				
SPECIALIZED TREATMENT EDUCATION AND PREVENTION SERVICES (STEPS), INC.	80.00		80.00		80.00		75.00		75.00		100.00		100.00	3.00		338.00		338.00
<i>Donna Wyche</i>	4.00		4.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		4.00	3.00				
<i>Heather Thomas</i>	4.00		4.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		4.00	3.00				
<i>Claudia Yabrody</i>	4.00		4.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		4.00	3.00				
<i>Commissioner Uribe</i>	4.00		4.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		4.00	3.00				
<i>Consensus or Average</i>	4.00		4.00		4.00		3.00		3.00		4.00		4.00	3.00				