




April 16, 2019

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

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Subject: Approval of Funding Agreement Y19-1104 for the Provision of Funding  
a Multi Systemic Therapy Psychiatric Program

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Funding Agreement Y19-1104 for the Provision of Funding a Multi Systemic Therapy Psychiatric Program between Orange County, Florida and Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health in the amount of \$630,000, for a 1-year term. Further request authorization for the Procurement Division to renew this contract for three additional 1-year terms.

PROCUREMENT:

This agreement establishes a Multi Systemic Therapy Psychiatric evidence based practice for the Youth Mental Health Commission.

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.

In August 2013, the Youth Mental Health Commission (YMHC) began to examine the youth mental health system of care in Orange County. After meeting for over a year, the Commission produced a detailed report on the state of youth mental health services in Orange County and recommendations for improvement. One of the top recommendations focused on transforming the mental health service delivery system through training and certifying clinicians in evidence based practices. The Clinical Subcommittee of the YMHC recommended Multi Systemic Therapy Psychiatric as the first intervention for implementation. The specific target population for this intervention are Orange County youth with a severe mental health diagnosis who have had multiple admissions to an inpatient psychiatric hospital. Multi Systemic Therapy is considered an Intensive Outpatient Treatment with success in preventing youth from psychiatric residential placements. This is an innovation that will provide improved outcomes with a challenging population.

As a result of this funding agreement the Youth Mental Health Commission will be able to add this valuable evidence based practice to the menu of diverse services that Orange County is committed to providing to Orange County youth and families with serious behavioral health needs.