



Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: April 22, 2024

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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

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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Y24-2221, Medication Assisted Treatment Better Access
to Treatment Clinic

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contract Y24-2221, Medication Assisted Treatment Better Access to Treatment Clinic, with Specialized Treatment Education & Prevention Services, Inc. (STEPS), in the total contract award amount of \$506,200 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 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 April 1, 2024 through March 31, 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 funding for this contract will assist with securing a clinical team consisting of a Medical Director, Mid-Level Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Certified Recovery Peer Specialist, Utilization Review and Quality Control Specialist and Project Director to provide evidence-based treatment, including Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), behavioral health, and telehealth services at the Orange County Medical Clinic. The clinic aims to increase access to MOUD, mental health and psychological treatment, counseling services, peer recovery support services, social support, and case management services, along with community outreach services for individuals living with substance use and mental health disorders.

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 inmates recently released from the county jail, severe and persistent substance users with multiple overdose-related emergency department admissions, and pregnant/post-partum women who present with opioid misuse.

STEPS will staff a Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic at the Orange County Medical Clinic located at 101 S. Westmoreland Dr., Orlando FL 32805 with the following personnel:

1. Medical Director: Doctor of Medicine, or Doctor of Osteopathy degree from an accredited medical school
2. Mid-Level Practitioner: Clinician with a current Florida Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant license
3. Registered Nurse (RN): Registered Nurse with a current RN license.
4. State of Florida Certified Recovery Peer Specialist
5. Utilization Review and Quality Control Specialist: Bachelor's degree and health care experience within a utilization review department
6. Project Director: State of Florida Certified Addictions Professional with a master's degree.