



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 19, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approve Board signature of Document No. 2023-575, Amendment #3 to an agreement with Youth Villages for crisis and transition services

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Approve Board signature of Document No. 2023-575, Amendment #3 to an agreement with Youth Villages for crisis and transition services.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Deschutes County Health Services and Youth Villages, Inc. are continuing a contract for the provision of Crisis and Transition Services (CATS) to individuals enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan and are residents in the tri-county (Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson) area.

This Amendment #3 extends the termination date to December 31, 2023 and increases the original funding by \$244,094 from \$499,500 to \$743,594. The amendment incorporates Exhibit A-1, outlining the service description for Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) and extends the effective date through December 31, 2023.

Youth Villages, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children with emotional and behavioral problems and their families. Its history stretches from 1859, and includes The Christie School and ChristieCare. Providing intensive in-home, residential, transitional and diversion services to children and youth, Youth Villages, Inc. is committed to enhancing children's services by providing the strongest research-based, cost-effective solutions for the state's most vulnerable children and families. Deschutes County Health Services is continuing the contract with Youth Villages, Inc. for the provision of CATS/MRSS Services to pediatric mental health patients.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) serves youth and their families during a crisis. Developed to help address psychiatric boarding in the emergency department, MRSS is an alternative for youth who may be meeting criteria for inpatient psychiatric admission but have the potential to safely return home if Mobile Response and Stabilization Services were in place. Emergency departments may be a family's first point-of-contact into the mental health system and the month immediately following discharge is a high-risk period

for a youth to return to an emergency department in mental health crisis. The MRSS program serves as a bridge during this critical period for approximately 56 calendar days or until the youth and family are effectively connected to longer-term supports. The MRSS program provides rapid access to interim mental health therapy, case management, psychiatry, care coordination, and family peer support and 24/7 crisis response to the home.

The MRSS program seeks to stabilize the immediate crisis and focuses on a youth's long-term recovery and connections to other services and supports. The MRSS multidisciplinary team works with a youth and family to develop a plan of care that identifies and addresses underlying difficulties that contributed to the crisis; evaluates safety and addresses risks in the home; reinforces coping and de-escalation skills; and facilitates a warm hand-off to other supports and services in the community.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Increase funding by \$244,094 due to extending the termination date of the agreement.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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