



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Amendment to the contract with St. Charles for psychiatric emergency services

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Board signature of Document No. 2023-090, amending the contract with St. Charles for psychiatric emergency services.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

St. Charles operates Sage View as a secure inpatient psychiatric facility, serving residents of Central Oregon and others in need of acute psychiatric care. Since 2005, Deschutes County, on behalf of Crook and Jefferson counties, has contracted with St. Charles to ensure indigent residents of the three counties have access to these services and this facility. Under the terms of the contract, St. Charles agrees to provide in-patient psychiatric services to any and all indigent residents of the three counties who need short-term acute stabilization. Acute care services may include: 24-hour supervision and nursing care; health screening or medical care; psychiatric assessment; medication management; individual and group therapy; psycho-education regarding mental health and addiction issues; family involvement; case management; and transportation services between Sage View and St. Charles Hospital (Bend) as needed for medical or other services.

St. Charles also operates the Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) unit which is designed for short-term acute psychiatric stabilization. The PES unit is the only unit designed to handle violent patient behavior, acute medical needs requiring oxygen or intravenous therapies in a psychiatric condition, and intense levels of acute medical service.

PES serves all ages and is designed to provide maximum safety for patients experiencing behavioral disturbances or medical conditions that cannot be safely managed at Sage View. PES is primarily intended for individuals in need of seclusion or restraining those who have complex medical issues requiring specialized medical oversight.

This amendment to Document No. 2022-007 extends the termination date to June 30, 2023 and increases the maximum compensation by \$165,000 (\$330,000 to \$495,000).

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$165,000

ATTENDANCE:

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