



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Board approval and signature of Youth Villages, Inc., Document Number 2022-015.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Youth Villages, Inc., Document Number 2022-015.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

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, and 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 Crisis and Transition Services (CATS) to pediatric mental health patients.

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

The CATS program is a team-based crisis stabilization service that offers an alternative to inpatient psychiatric treatment and psychiatric boarding. The CATS program provides assessment and intake into the program while the youth remains in the Emergency Department. Once youth are admitted into the CATS program, they are provided safety planning, lethal means counseling, resources, care coordination and case management, and linkage to ongoing behavioral health services. A CATS specialist will meet with the youth and family in their home for sessions to provide further crisis stabilization and safety

planning support while the youth is enrolled in the program. The CATS program also provides crisis support twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week for urgent situations including in home assessment and intervention by a master's level clinician as needed.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Health Services shall pay \$315,000, using Oregon Health Authority and SAMHSA System of Care Grant funds.

ATTENDANCE:

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