



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of a contract with Youth Villages, Inc. for pediatric mental health services

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document No. 2025-502, a contract with Youth Villages, Inc. for the provision of pediatric mental health services.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Youth Villages, Inc. is licensed by the State of Oregon to provide professional services—including Emergency Department Diversion Services (“Diversion Services”)—to pediatric mental health clients and those enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan.

Under this contract, Youth Villages will provide Diversion Services to eligible individuals residing in Deschutes County. To ensure that Diversion Services are available to eligible individuals, the County has committed to compensating Youth Villages for the provision of Diversion Services in the tri-county area.

Deschutes County’s Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) program is a team-based crisis stabilization service that offers an alternative to inpatient psychiatric treatment and psychiatric boarding. MRSS provides in-person crisis response that connects children, youth, young adults and their families to rapid supports at home and in the community. MRSS de-escalates situations, often preventing unnecessary trips to emergency departments. When someone in a behavioral health crisis calls 988, presents to the Deschutes County Crisis Stabilization Center, has non-law enforcement contact or is identified by law enforcement, Deschutes County will complete a crisis screening and assessment. If it is determined that any involved youth would be appropriate for community stabilization and de-escalation, the County would contact Youth Villages to refer to MRSS supports.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$212,469 using funds received from the Oregon Health Authority (CFFA funding).

ATTENDANCE: Shannon Brister-Raugust, Program Manager