



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Keith D. Bostick (Deputy Director)

Department: Human Services

Division: Crisis Intervention & Support

Information

Requested Action

A. MOTION TO APPROVE Agreement between the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers Inc. ("FNCAC") and Broward County in the amount of \$9,762, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, to fund mental health therapy services to children and families involved in allegations of child maltreatment; authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same; authorize the County Administrator to execute amendments to the Agreement, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, that do not increase the total grant funding to the County above \$10,738; and authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the Agreement.

ACTION: (T-11:13 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0.

ACTION: (T-11:14 AM) The Board reconsidered the Consent Agenda to remove Item 80 from the Consent Agenda, as read previously by County Attorney Andrew J. Meyers. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-111 within the Child Advocacy Trust Fund to appropriate revenue from FNCAC in the amount of \$9,762 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to provide mental health therapy services to children and families involved in allegations of child maltreatment.

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VOTE: 9-0.

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Why Action is Necessary

A-B. Section 20.31(b)(3), Broward County Administrative Code, requires that the Board of County Commissioners (“Commission”) approves all state and federal grant agreements.

Section 129.06.(2)(d), Florida Statutes, requires a budget resolution to recognize revenue.

What Action Accomplishes

Approval of motions A and B allows for the provision of mental health therapy services to children and families involved in allegations of child maltreatment.

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CRISIS INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

This item supports the Commission value of “approaching human services collaboratively and compassionately with special emphasis on the most vulnerable” and the goal to “deliver evidence-based services to the public and connect customers and their family members to sustainable support with special emphasis on financial supports.” Funding from FNCAC will be used by the Nancy J. Cotterman Center (“NJCC”) to provide mental health therapy services to children and their families involved in allegations of child maltreatment.

FNCAC provided notice of the Child Advocacy Trust Fund Award of non-competitive grant funding on December 31, 2020. The Agreement with FNCAC was finalized on March 1, 2021.

Funding for the Child Advocacy Trust Fund Grant is derived from court fines for certain crimes committed against minors. FNCAC distributes these funds to accredited Children’s Advocacy Centers as defined in Section 39.3035, Florida Statutes. The NJCC is Broward County’s only certified Children’s Advocacy Center. The allocation methodology is determined by FNCAC, and the annual funding amount varies as it is dependent upon the court fines that are issued and collected. Broward County has been awarded this grant annually since 2007.

There are no required outcomes; however, an activity report and service detail report outlining the number of children and families served and the services provided are due for submission monthly. A final data report providing demographic data, year-to-date units of services provided, and the number of clients served is required at the end of the grant period.

The Agreement (Exhibit 1) is in FNCAC’s format and has been approved as to form by the Office of the County Attorney. FNCAC will sign following Commission approval.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None.