

ITEM 6



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: November 6, 2012

Prepared By/Phone Number: David Walch, 46663; Marvin Brice CPPB

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

Agenda Language: Approve Modification No. 4 to Interlocal Agreement No. 440000378, (H.T.E. No. IL080039VR) Victoria County, for the provision of Residential Treatment Services.

- **Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** Purchasing concurs with department and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

This agreement is for the provision of residential treatment services for juvenile offenders within Travis County's Juvenile Probation Department. Travis County has approximately 34 active Residential Treatment Service agreements within different counties throughout Texas. These agreements are used on an as needed basis, according to the specific needs of the youths being placed. Travis County pays the daily cost set by the State of Texas Juvenile Justice Department in accordance with the facility type and level of service provided.

This Modification No. 4 updates this agreement to reflect the Prison Rape Elimination Act contract language now required by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for all Title IV-E facilities.

Modification No. 3 standardized the Daily Reimbursement rate for placement of juvenile offenders according to the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Post-Adjudication Secure Correctional Facility Level of Care Rates in effect at the time services are rendered.

Modification No. 2 standardized the levels of specialized care and established the unit rates as follows:

- Basic Level of Care: Males or Females 10-17 years - \$95.00
- Specialized Level of Care: Pregnant Offenders - \$127.00

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- Specialized Level of Care: Female Specific Program - \$127.00

Modification No. 1 increased the daily reimbursement rates for each child placed at this facility by Travis County as follows:

- Placement for Females 10 -17 years - \$95.00 per day
- Placement for Females 10-17 and pregnant - \$127.00 per day

➤ **Contract Expenditures:** Within the last 12 months \$10,248.00 has been spent against this contract/requirement.

➤ **Contract-Related Information:**

Award Amount: N/A As needed agreement
Contract Type: Professional Services Agreement
Contract Period: December 21, 2007 – September 30, 2008

➤ **Contract Modification Information:**

Modification Amount: N/A As needed contract
Modification Type: Bilateral
Modification Period: November 6, 2012 – until Terminated



TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

ESTELA P. MEDINA
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
PROGRAM

TO: Cyd Grimes
Purchasing Agent

FROM: *Estela P. Medina*
Estela P. Medina
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

RE: Residential Placement Contracts – Modification
Contract Language for PREA and Contracted Components of Care

DATE: August 22, 2012

The Travis County Juvenile Probation Department is requesting an update to all the current residential treatment contracts to include new language referencing PREA (the Prison Rape Elimination Act). In addition, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) is requiring that the Title IV-E facilities contracts reference the Contracted Components of Care as shown in Attachment "C". The attachment provided by your department, lists the current residential treatment contracts.

The attachments also include the specific PREA language to be included in Section 3.17.1 of each of the contracts and the Contracted Components of Care language to be included in Section 3.17.4 of the HMIH Cedar Crest, LLC, Brookhaven Youth Ranch, Gulf Coast Trades Center, Pegasus School, Inc., Krause Children's, and Cornell Corrections of Texas contracts only.

If you need additional information in order to proceed, please do not hesitate to contact Sylvia Mendoza at 854-7008 or Chris Hubner at 854-7109.

Thank you.

cc: Sylvia Mendoza, Financial Manager, TCJPD
Chris Hubner, General Counsel, TCJPD
Barbara Swift, Deputy Chief, TCJPD
Michael Williams, Lead Accountant, TCJPD
David Walsh, Purchasing Agent Assistant, III

EPM: sm

Central Contract Number	Central Contract Name	Legacy Contract Number	Supplier
440000591	RESID TRTMT: BROOKHAVEN YOUTH PS000212JW	PS000212JW	BROOKHAVEN YOUTH RANCH INC
440000590	RESID TRTMT: CEDAR CREST FOUND PS000211JW	PS000211JW	HMH CEDAR CREST LLC
440000598	RESID TRTMT: COMAL CO-CONNECTS PS000264KW	PS000264KW	CONNECTIONS INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY
440000588	RESID TRTMT: GIOCOSA FOUNDATN PS000206JW	PS000206JW	GIOCOSA FOUNDATION, THE
440000644	RESID TRTMT: GULF COAST TRADE PS050177JW	PS050177JW	GULF COAST TRADE CENTER
440000589	RESID TRTMT: LAUREL RIDGE TRTM PS000210JW	PS000210JW	TEXAS LAUREL RIDGE HOSPITAL LP
440000911	RESID TRTMT: WORLD FOR CHILDREN PS980019JW	PS980019JW	A WORLD FOR CHILDREN
440000594	RESIDENT TRTMT: PEGASUS SCHOOL PS000230JW	PS000230JW	PEGASUS SCHOOL INC
440000628	RESIDENT TRTMT: POSITIVE STEPS PS030159JW	PS030159JW	POSITIVE STEPS INC
440000635	RESIDENT TRTMT: ROCKDALE RGNL PS030292JW	PS030292JW	4M YOUTH SERVICES INC
440000595	RESIDENT TRTMT: SETTLEMENT CLUB PS000244JW	PS000244JW	SETTLEMENT HOME FOR CHILDREN
440000586	RESIDENT TRTMT: SHORELINE IN PS000199JW	PS000199JW	SHORELINE INC
440000671	RESIDENTIAL EMRG SHELTER SV PS070310VR	PS070310VR	AUSTIN CHILDRENS SHELTER
440000679	RESIDENTIAL EMRG SHELTER SV PS080005VR	PS080005VR	BAPTIST CHILD AND FAMILY HHS
440000803	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PS100224DW	PS100224DW	MERIDELL ACHIEVEMENT CENTER INC
440000587	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SV PS000205VR	PS000205VR	BOYS TOWN TEXAS INC
440000629	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SV PS030160JW	PS030160JW	CORNELL CORRECTIONS OF TEXAS
440000667	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SV PS070255VR	PS070255VR	SOUTHWEST KEY PROGRAM
440000688	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SV PS080181VR	PS080181VR	AVALON CENTER INC
440000690	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SV PS080213VR	PS080213VR	SHILOH TREATMENT CENTER INC
440000768	RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SV PS090266VR	PS090266VR	NEURO INSTITUTE OF AUSTIN LP
440000805	RESIDENTIAL TRTMT SV (SECURE) PS100234DW	PS100234DW	GRANBURY REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE
440000377	RESIDENTIAL TRTMT SV (HAYS CO) IL080007VR	IL080007VR	HAYS COUNTY
440000639	RESIDENTIAL TRTMT SV-ALLIANCE PS040257JW	PS040257JW	ALLIANCE ADOLESCENT AND CHILDRENS
440000630	RESIDENTIAL TRTMT SV-KERR CO PS030161JW	PS030161JW	PIEPER, JANNETT
440000585	RESIDENTIAL TRTMT: LIFEWORKS PS000183VR	PS000183VR	YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE
440000633	RESIDENTIAL TRTMT: NEW HORIZON PS030172JW	PS030172JW	NEW HORIZONS RANCH AND CENTER INC
440000632	RESIDENTIAL TRTMT: THERAPEUTIC PS030169JW	PS030169JW	THERAPEUTIC FAMILY LIFE
440000378	RESIDENTIAL TRTMT: VICTORIA CO IL080039VR	IL080039VR	VICTORIA REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE
440000592	RESID'L TRTMT: CARING FAMILY PS000221JW	PS000221JW	POSABILITIES INC
440000593	RESID'L TRTMT: LUTHERAN SOC SV PS000229JW	PS000229JW	LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE
440000596	RESID'L TRTMT: NEW ENCOUNTERS PS000246JW	PS000246JW	NEW ENCOUNTERS RESIDENTIAL
440000631	RESID'L TRTMT: YOUTH ALTERNAT PS030162JW	PS030162JW	ROY MAAS YOUTH ALTERNATIVES INC
440000794	PROF RESIDENTIAL TRTMT SV PS100089DW	PS100089DW	TEXAS SAN MARCOS TREATMENT CENTER

SYLVIA MENDOZA

From: Chris Hubner
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 11:51 AM
To: David Walch
Cc: Barbara Swift; SYLVIA MENDOZA; Beatrice Juarez
Subject: Contract No. PS000211KW - Cedar Crest
Attachments: Contracted Components of Care-Attachment C.DOCX; Mark-up pp. 5-6.pdf

Good Morning David,

I've been asked to update 6 of our RTC contracts with new language referencing PREA (the Prison Rape Elimination Act) and TJJD's requirement that these types of contracts reference Contracted Components of Care.

Here are pages 5 and 6 of the Cedar Crest RTC contract with recommended changes underlined:

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[PREA §115.387(e) and (f)]

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Please let me know if there's anything further you need on this.

Thanks for your help David,

Chris Hubner
General Counsel

Travis County Juvenile Probation Department
2515 S. Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704
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512-854-7109

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3.15.2 In the event that any claim, demand, suit or other action is made or brought by any person, firm, corporation, or other entity against CONTRACTOR or COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall give written notice to COUNTY of any such claim, demand, suit or other action within three (3) working days after being notified of such claim, demand, suit or other action or the threat thereof; the name and addresses of the person, firm, corporation or other entity making or threatening to make such claim, or that instituted or threatened to institute any type of action or proceeding; the basis of such claim, action or proceeding, and the court, if any, where such claim, action or proceeding was instituted, and the name or names of any persons against whom such claim is being made or threatened. Such written notice shall be given as is shown in Section 7.11 (Notice) hereof.

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3.17.5 CONTRACTOR shall ensure that suspected or alleged cases of child abuse or neglect are immediately reported to the CPO and to the appropriate authorities as required, by law and in conformity with the procedures detailed in Chapter 261 of the Texas Family Code. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that its employees are properly trained in the reporting requirements and procedures of Chapter 261 of the Texas Family Code.

3.18 Acknowledgements and Assurances.

3.18.1 CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that COUNTY is under no obligation to place any child or children with CONTRACTOR and this Contract shall not be so construed.

3.18.2 CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that the COUNTY may, at its discretion, remove any child placed pursuant to this Contract, at any time. The COUNTY will notify CONTRACTOR in a timely manner prior to the removal of a child except in instances where, in the COUNTY'S judgment, such notification may result in risk to the child's health, safety or welfare.

3.18.3 The parties acknowledge and agree that the CONTRACTOR is under no obligation to accept a child who is deemed by CONTRACTOR to be inappropriate for placement with CONTRACTOR.

3.18.4 Under Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, CONTRACTOR certifies that CONTRACTOR is not ineligible to receive state funds under this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**IV.
COMPENSATION, BILLING, AND PAYMENT**

4.1 For and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the services described in Section III and CONTRACTOR'S compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR a daily reimbursement for each child placed by COUNTY and receiving services from CONTRACTOR in accordance with this Contract. The amount of daily reimbursement shall be based upon the Level of Care provided, as defined by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, in accordance with the following rate schedule:

SYLVIA MENDOZA

From: Chris Hubner
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 1:34 PM
To: David Walch
Cc: Barbara Swift; SYLVIA MENDOZA; Beatrice Juarez
Subject: Brookhaven Youth Ranch PS000212JW
Attachments: BYR mark-up p. 5.pdf; Contracted Components of Care-Attachment C.docx

David,

Here's page 5 of the Brookhaven Youth Ranch RTC contract with recommended changes underlined:

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Thank you,

Chris Hubner

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Justice Department, Attachment "C"

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From: Chris Hubner
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 1:13 PM
To: David Walch
Cc: Barbara Swift; SYLVIA MENDOZA; Beatrice Juarez
Subject: Gulf Coast Trades Center PS050177JW
Attachments: Contracted Components of Care-Attachment C.docx; Mark-up p. 5.pdf

David,

Here's page 5 of the Gulf Coast Trades Center RTC contract with recommended changes underlined:

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To: David Walch
Cc: Barbara Swift; SYLVIA MENDOZA; Beatrice Juarez
Subject: Pegasus Schools PS000230JW
Attachments: Contracted Components of Care-Attachment C.docx; Pegasus mark-up p. 5.pdf

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Here's page 5 of the Pegasus School, Inc., RTC contract with recommended changes underlined:

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To: David Walch
Cc: Barbara Swift; SYLVIA MENDOZA; Beatrice Juarez
Subject: Krause Children's PS000229JW
Attachments: Contracted Components of Care-Attachment C.DOCX; Krause mark-up pp. 5-6.pdf

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Justice Department, Attachment "C"

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SYLVIA MENDOZA

From: Chris Hubner
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 3:22 PM
To: David Walch
Cc: Barbara Swift; SYLVIA MENDOZA; Beatrice Juarez
Subject: Cornell Corrections of TX PS030160JW
Attachments: Cornell mark-up p. 5.pdf; Contracted Components of Care-Attachment C.docx

David,

Here is p. 5 of the Cornell Corrections of Texas RTC contract with recommended changes underlined:

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Please let me know if there's anything further you need on this.

Chris Hubner

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MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT NUMBER: 4400000378 (H.T.E. IL080039VR) - RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

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FOR TRAVIS COUNTY INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Original Contract Amount: On as needed basis Current Modified Amount \$ on as needed basis

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- D) The Contractor shall ensure that children have input into the types of recreational activities in which they wish to participate.

TRAVEL

- A) The Contractor shall provide or arrange all travel necessary to ensure a child's access to all necessary medical, mental and vision care for each child, including behavioral healthcare services, recreational, school and school activities, family visits, court hearings, Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) activities, permanency conferences, transition plan meetings, family group conferences, circles of support conferences, and any other services necessary to fulfill the tasks on a child's service plan.
- B) A Contractor who is licensed as a CPA shall arrange and facilitate sibling visits when siblings are at different placements within the same CPA unless the sibling visits are:
 - i. Prohibited by court order;
 - ii. Contrary to the best interest of the children as reflected in any of the service plans of the siblings; or
 - iii. Discouraged by a mental health professional treating any of the siblings.

CULTURAL COMPETENCE

The Contractor shall provide the contracted components of care with a high level of individual and organizational cultural competence as described below:

- A) **Individual Cultural Competence** – The knowledge, skill or attribute one has relative to cultures other than his/her own, that is observable in the consistent patterns of an individual's behavior, interaction and work related activities over time, which contributes to the ability to effectively meet the needs of children and families receiving services.
- B) **Organizational Cultural Competence** – A set of values, behaviors, attitudes and practices within a system, organization, program or among individuals, which enables staff and volunteers to work effectively with children and families from other cultures. Furthermore, it refers to the staff's ability to honor and respect the beliefs, language, interpersonal styles and behaviors of individuals and families receiving services.

CONTRACTED COMPONENTS OF CARE

CONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION

- A) The Contractor shall participate in conferences required by the juvenile probation department which include but are not limited to, medical, school, case planning, permanency planning, transition planning, and legal staffings.
- B) The Contractor shall participate in Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) activities, consistent with the child service or transition plan.
- C) The Contractor shall participate in any other meetings required by the juvenile probation department or a court having jurisdiction over the child and necessary to ensure that the Contractor is complying with a child's service plan.

MAINTAINING CONNECTIONS

- A) The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to ensure that children are able to preserve desired and appropriate connections to his or her own cultural identity and community, including religious/spiritual, family, school, and appropriate organizations through on-site or off-site means.
- B) The Contractor shall document all good faith efforts to maintain the child's connections.

PROVIDING TESTIMONY

- A) The Contractor shall ensure that Contractor's employees and subcontractors appear and testify in judicial proceedings, depositions and administrative hearings relating to a child, at the request of the juvenile probation department.
- B) The Contractor shall, to the extent possible, notify, and/or assist the juvenile probation department in locating, past employees or subcontractors when past employees or subcontractors are needed to appear and testify in accordance with this subsection. The Contractor is responsible for the cost associated with the requirements of this subsection.

LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING

The Contractor shall provide all services in a manner that safeguards the health, welfare and safety of the children in the least restrictive setting possible.