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AGENDA COVER MEMO

Date: October 13, 2004
To: Board of County Commissioners
Department: Health & Human Service
Presented by: Rob Rockstroh



Agenda Title: ORDER _____ / IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WHITE BIRD CLINIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,130 FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2004 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2005.

I. MOTION

ORDER _____ / In the Matter of Awarding a Contract to White Bird Clinic in the Amount of \$166,130 for Mental Health Crisis Services for the Period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

In order to enter into a contract with White Bird Clinic to provide mental health crisis services, the contract must be awarded and the county administrator must be delegated to sign the contract.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

Lane County Health and Human Services is coordinating a 24-hour seven-day-a-week mental health crisis services within the Human Services Commission, Lane County Mental Health and LaneCare programs. A Request for Proposal was advertised in the Register Guard on August 22 and August 29, seeking contractors to provide 24-hour mental health crisis services for both LaneCare and non-LaneCare mental health consumers. The total amount of funding available for crisis mental health services was advertised in the Request for Proposal as \$156,291. Since the submitting and grading of proposal, an additional \$9,839 became available in the MHS #25 funding source from the state. The Request for Proposal stated (page 1) that if additional funds up to \$300,000 are allocated for crisis services by Lane County during the contract period, Lane County reserves the right to disburse those funds through this process.

Total amount of funds for this contract is now \$166,130 for one contract year. The funding is a blend of three funding sources. LaneCare is funding \$53,612. Mental

Health Community Crisis Services (MHS #25) funds are \$69,839 and Human Services Commission is funding \$42,679.

Proposals were required to describe experience in operating a 24-hour seven-day-a-week crisis hotline and providing 24-hour seven-day-a-week face to face mental health screenings. Proposals also were required to describe procedures for assessing crisis needs of clients in the areas of mental health, domestic violence or suicide; procedures for determining acute care needs and experience of staff dealing with persons with severe and persistent mentally illness, the elderly, children's issues and drug related issues.

Lane County received one proposal from White Bird Clinic. The proposal was scored by the screening committee and received an average score of 172. A score of 140 was required to pass. No appeals to the process were received.

B. Analysis

The White Bird Crisis Team has provided 24-hour, seven-day-a-week response through a phone hotline, walk-in and mobile crisis counseling for over 33 years. In addition to crisis counseling, White Bird Clinic provides mental health assessment and screening; information and referral to support groups and special transport for mentally disabled people. The crisis phone system has eight (8) lines including an 800 WATS number, which makes White Bird Clinic available to anyone calling within Lane County.

White Bird works closely with all major service systems in Eugene and Lane County including/ambulance services, medical, alcohol/drugs, police and transportation resources. White Bird clinic conducts daily coordination with agencies within these systems. White Bird Clinic also works closely with Sacred Heart Emergency Department, Royal Avenue Shelter Care program, CAHOOTS and the client's primary care physician and family or support system.

White Bird Clinic currently has seven (7) experienced crisis staff workers who are certified as either Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP) or Qualified Mental Health Associates (QMHA).

C. Alternatives / Options

1. To award a contract to White Bird Clinic in the amount of \$166,130 for mental health crisis services and delegate the County Administrator to sign the contract. Awarding these funds would allow funding for 24-hour seven-day-a-week crisis services for mental health clients.
2. Not to award the contract to White Bird Clinic in the amount of \$166,130 for mental health crisis services and delegate the County Administrator to sign the contract. If this contract is not awarded, then the funds will not be spent on a mental health crisis services. This lack of funding will jeopardize the ability of

the mental health crisis system in Lane County to provide 24-hour seven-day-a-week crisis services.

D. Recommendation

To approve the motion stated above.

E. Timing

The effective date of the beginning of this contract is October 1, 2004.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon Board action, the Department of Health & Human Services will complete the contract and forward the contract to the County Administrator for signature. The effective date of the contract will be October 1, 2004.

V. ATTACHMENT

Board Order

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION)
AND ORDER:)
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IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WHITE BIRD CLINIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,130 FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2004 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

WHEREAS, Lane County Health and Human Services is coordinating 24-hour seven-day-a-week mental health crisis services within the Human Services Commission, Lane County Mental Health, and LaneCare programs; and

WHEREAS, Lane County issued a Request for Proposal requesting proposals for mental health crisis services to be provided 24-hours seven days per week; and

WHEREAS, Lane County received one proposal from White Bird Clinic and White Bird Clinic received a passing score of 170.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners award a contract with White Bird Clinic in the amount of \$166,130 for mental health crisis services for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 and delegate the County Administrator to sign the contract.

DATED this _____ day of October 2004.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 10/4/04 J. Midland lane county
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Bobby Green, Sr., Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners