

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Human Services Board
INITIATED BY



11/10/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Awarding Contract for Crisis Stabilization Services

WHEREAS, funds have been incorporated into the 2023 Human Services Budget to contract for crisis stabilization services; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County requested proposals from qualified vendors to provide short term residential crisis stabilization services in a community-based residential facility for individuals with complex behavioral health needs; and,

WHEREAS, the current vendor, Rock Valley Community Programs of Janesville, Wisconsin was the sole entity that submitted a proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock Valley Community Programs' proposal was reviewed by a five-member panel, including both internal and external reviewers, and it met all the specifications of the RFP for crisis stabilization services; and,

WHEREAS, a crisis stabilization facility is a critical component of the strategy to reduce institutional admissions and support individuals to remain in Rock County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 15th day of December, 2022, that a one-year contract for residential crisis stabilization services commencing January 1, 2023, be awarded to Rock Valley Community Programs of Janesville, Wisconsin in the amount of \$1,300,000.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funds for these services were included in the 2023 budget.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 59.01 & 46.23. Pursuant to RCCO § 2.223(6), Human Services contracts for the purchase of client services of \$200,000 or more must be approved by the County Board.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Human Services Board

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Podzilni was absent.

Executive Summary

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Rock County HSD maintains a crisis stabilization facility as a critical service in the continuum of care for individuals. This service provides both an alternative to hospitalization and a step-down from hospitalization so that individuals can return to the community sooner.

Rock County HSD has contracted with Rock Valley Correctional Programs since 2013 to provide this service through Harpers Place. An RFP was released in 2022 and RVCP was the sole entity that submitted a proposal. The proposal was reviewed by a five-member panel and found to meet the required qualifications in the RFP.

This facility will be offered a one year contract with a budget of \$1.3 million. HSD recommends that that contract be awarded to RCVP. We anticipate negotiating a contract for 2024 based upon billing and revenue changes that are scheduled to occur during 2023.

Harpers Place, as a Crisis Stabilization facility, is a critical and cost-effective component in the Behavioral Health continuum of care. The average cost at Harpers Place for the past four years was \$490 per day vs the average net cost of a state institute at about \$700 per day. The average contracted cost of a private psychiatric hospital for 2022 was about \$1,530 per day.

The graph below shows total annual admissions since 2015 and the notable drop related to COVID. In the last month, the admissions are trending upwards largely due to a return to double occupancy rooms.

The graph also distinguishes Diversion admissions (using Harpers Place instead of a hospital) from Step Down admissions (using Harpers Place after discharge from a hospital). Diversions are especially important because this allows people to stay in Rock County where family and treatment providers are nearby. The change in Diversions vs Step Downs in 2021 and 2022 are related to COVID and the difficulty of admitting clients to Harpers Place vs WMHI which is required to accept involuntary detentions.

HP Admissions

(through 10/28/22)

