

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater FY21-001 – Community Mental Health Provider Services

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#### **Introduction**

##### **Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)**

This request is to approve the recommendation to award the Agreements with Alternate Educational Systems, Inc., Citrus Health Network, Inc., and Christina G. Smith Community Mental Health Foundation, Inc. for a period of one (1) year from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. These Agreements will replace the existing Agreements for FY20-039 – Community Mental Health Provider Services that expires on June 30, 2020. These Agreements provide community mental health services for residential and/or day treatment programs for disabled students.

The spending authority being requested is \$741,100.

#### **Goods/Services Description**

##### **Responsible: Exceptional Student Learning Support (ESLS)**

The agreements are for therapeutic, residential, and/or day treatment services with the residential community mental health centers that operate in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). These programs specifically serve fragile students with mental health and/or substance abuse needs. Students are referred to this site by parents, community providers, courts, or DCF. Exceptional Student Learning Support (ESLS) will be the managing Department.

These services are required by the State Board of Education rule 6A-6.0361 (F.A.C.), contractual agreements with non-public schools, and residential facilities. Through this rule, the District may provide special education and related services to an exceptional student with a disability through a contractual agreement with an approved non-public school or community facility for the provision of a non-residential interagency program that includes the provision of educational programming in accordance with the student's Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

The District is responsible for assuring the proposed program at the non-public school, or community facility is appropriate to meet the educational needs of the exceptional student with a disability, or early intervention needs of the infant or toddler with a disability, placed through a contractual agreement. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the responsibility of agencies in the state other than the District School Boards from providing or paying some or all of the cost of a free appropriate public education or early intervention services to be provided to children with disabilities ages birth through twenty-one (21) years old.

Alternate Educational Systems, Inc. (AES) has had, on average, twenty (20) students at any time during the academic year. AES has forty (40) beds at the facility, which are available to students at some time during the academic year. Students may reside at the site between three (3) days and twelve (12) months, depending on the student's needs. Over one hundred and fifty (150) students may reside at the facility during the academic year. Three (3) teachers are provided by AES. Whispering Pines School provides oversight to ensure that the needs of each student are met as per the student's IEP.

Citrus Health Network, Inc. (Citrus) has, on average, forty-seven (47) students at any time during the academic year. There are fifty-two (52) beds at the facility. Students may reside at the site between three (3) days and thirteen (13) months, depending on the student's needs. Over one hundred and sixty (160) students may reside at the facility during the year. Whispering Pines School assigns teachers to the facility to provide instruction and support as per each student's IEP.

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Smith Community Mental Health, Inc. (Smith) has the capacity for sixty (60) students at any time during the academic year. Students can be at this day treatment facility up to one (1) year. On average, students are there four (4) to six (6) months. Approximately seventy-five (75) students may participate in the day treatment program annually. Whispering Pines School assigns teachers to the facility to provide instruction and support as per each student’s IEP.

The evaluation measures will include performance, outcome measures, observations, mastery of IEP goals, and formal annual evaluation.

The research methodology that will be utilized is Broward County Public Schools’ (BCPS) approved textbooks and curriculum.

BCPS has an obligation to educate students residing in these facilities as they are either Broward County residents or are under the care and custody of the DCF.

**Procurement Method**  
**Responsible: PWS**

Pursuant to Purchasing Policy 3320 and the Department of Education, Rule 6A-1.012, 11(b), Florida Administrative Code as authorized by Section 1010.04(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and Purchasing Policy 3320, Section II, G, the requirement for requesting competitive solicitation for commodities or contractual services from three (3) or more sources is hereby waived for the purchase of professional services which include health services involving examination, diagnosis, treatment, prevision, and medical consultation.

**Financial Impact**  
**Responsible: PWS and ESLS**

The total spending authority requested is \$741,100. The funding to support this educational program comes from Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) generated dollars supported by the Florida Education Finance Program. There is no additional financial impact to the District beyond the FTE funds.

Citrus and Smith use BCPS teachers for their educational services, and therefore these Providers do not generate spending under this contract. AES provides teachers to educate these students; therefore, spending is generated under this contract for this vendor.

<b><u>FY20-039 – Contract Award</u></b>	
Historical Average Monthly Expenditures	\$61,755
Number of months	<u>12</u>
Estimated forecasted spend	\$741,054
<b><u>Estimated Forecasted Spend (rounded)</u></b>	<b><u>\$741,100</u></b>

The Recommended spending authority will be \$741,100 based on previous spending history. The financial impact amount represents an estimated contract value; however, the amount authorized will not exceed the estimated contract award amount.