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## Agenda Staff Report

**File Number:** 23-1243

**Agenda Date:** 6/7/2023

**Section:** NEW BUSINESS

**All Districts**

**File Type:** Contract/Agreement

**Meeting of:** Board of County Commissioners

**Agenda Item:**

### **AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMCARE AND THE CITY OF WICHITA FOR THE CO-RESPONDER PROJECT.**

Presented by: Joan M. Tammany, LMLP, Executive Director, COMCARE.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Authorize establishment of budget authority until the conclusion of the contract term and allow for the remaining balance at the end of each calendar year to be established in the next fiscal year; and authorize implementation of the Staffing Table changes identified in the Personnel Considerations section of this request.

**Background:** The City of Wichita ("City") through the Wichita Police Department ("WPD"), and Sedgwick County, Kansas through COMCARE of Sedgwick County ("County") desire a contractual relationship to provide services to the citizens of the City of Wichita, Kansas, to improve safety and welfare of said citizens through integrated Care Teams 2 through 5 ("ICT 2-5") wherein COMCARE shall embed Behavioral Health Professionals within WPD. In furtherance of this relationship, the City desires to devote resources from WPD to ICT 2-5 to enable the ability to provide a mobile crisis response to and resolution of incidents involving emotional and behavioral crises of citizens.

The City recognizes the efficacy of certain licensed mental health professionals that are qualified to provide consultation and/or evaluations of specific calls or crisis that have an abnormal emotional and/or behavioral component. The County desires to devote resources and personnel from COMCARE to ICT 2-5 to provide a specialized and formal avenue of assistance in the area of emotional and behavioral assessment and expertise in communicating with citizens experiencing emotional and behavioral crises. COMCARE desires to further serve the citizens seeking assistance from WPD.

ICT 2-5 will include eight (8) behavioral health professionals to be located at the Wichita Police Department. The Behavioral health professional will be comprised of four (4) master's licensed clinicians and four (4) bachelor's integrated care specialists. Behavioral health crises vary in severity and intensity and can require a different level of response. The goal of this project is to provide the right response to the right situation and free up law enforcement resources when appropriate when responding to mental health related calls.

Having both a bachelor's and master's level clinician on the team will allow for an opportunity to broaden the response by either responding to multiple crises simultaneously, responding to a crisis without law enforcement, if not necessary, or allow for follow-up as appropriate.

Behavioral health professionals will deploy, either in tandem with WPD or subsequent to WPD response, to incidents where it has been determined that the services of the behavioral health professional may be more effective in addressing the incident. In all instances behavioral health professionals will deploy in COMCARE vehicles. Three (3) vehicles will be purchased for the use of the COMCARE behavioral health professionals.

**Alternatives:** Without this program the City of Wichita may not be able to provide top priority services to improve safety and welfare to the citizens of Wichita.

**Financial Considerations:** Needing to establish budget authority of \$970,033 for 2023 and of \$892,033 for 2024, as detailed on the attached budget form. The request is for \$783,772 in personnel, \$89,221 in contractuals, \$19,040 in commodities, and \$78,000 in capital equipment (this is a one-time cost for 2023).

<b>EXPENDITURE: Commitment Item Number and Description</b>	<b>Internal Order Amount</b>
41101 - SALARIES AND WAGES	525,400
41206 - Wireless Allowance	3,840
41303 - HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE Premiums	163,016
41210 - FLEX SPENDING ER CONTRIBUTION	1,760
41304 - RETIREMENT Contributions	48,416
41306 - UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES	488
41301 - FICA - OASDI Taxes	30,320
41302 - FICA - HI Taxes	7,088
41305 - WORKERS COMPENSATION Premiums	3,444
42501 - SEMINAR/TRAINING REGISTRATION FEES	3,400
42701 - Fleet Management Charges	21,380
42703 - ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	51,865
42912 - Local Vicinity MILEAGE Reimbursement	12,576
45101 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,520
45102 - OPERATING SUPPLIES	600
45112 - Other Equipment < \$10 (Headsets)	400
45111 - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT < \$10 (laptops plus air cards and signature pads)	15,520
47103 - VEHICLES (3 - small sedans) one time cost	78,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$970,033</b>

Year 2024 contract adjustment cost will be \$892,033 since the vehicles are a one-time cost for 2023.

**Personnel Considerations:**

<b>Position Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>FTE % Funding</b>
NEW	Integrated Care Team Clinician Grade (DS-14) - Vacant	100%
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NEW	Integrated Care Team ICS III (Grade DS-7) - Vacant	100%
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**Legal Considerations:** The authority for this action IS K.S.A. 19-4001, ET SEQ. A simple majority vote is required.

**Policy Considerations:** All Sedgwick County policies have been followed in the development of this agreement.