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**Sponsor:** County Attorney's Office

**Meeting Date:** 4/7/2026

**Title:** First Amendment to the Single Source Agreement with Children's HealthCare Corporation

**File Number:** 2026-077

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**Background and Rationale:**

Youth in the Runaway Intervention Program (RIP) who have been referred to the County Attorney's Youth Justice and Wellness Division many times have suffered multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), resulting in significant health and social consequences that require focused and specialized intervention to avoid well-established lifelong consequences. Midwest Children's Resource Center (MCRC) utilizes highly trained Advanced Nurse Practitioners and trauma-informed therapists to deliver physical and mental healthcare- based interventions to youth that are referred to them by the county. These professionals are constantly refining interventions based upon emerging science and best practices. These include providing treatment to prevent HIV and Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorders. No other program in Minnesota is delivering community-based healthcare to high-risk youth of the depth, breadth and quality as MCRC. Furthermore, these services cannot be replicated because MCRC is the only hospital-based child advocacy center in Ramsey County and this unique setting fosters the groundbreaking interventions delivered by MCRC.

As the service provider of the intensive services component of the Runaway Intervention Program, MCRC provides services that are unique in several ways. The services are provided by an Advanced Nurse Practitioner specially trained to work with sexually exploited and/or trafficked adolescent girls. These nurses can meet the physical, emotional, mental health and chemical health needs of at-risk youth. Specifically, the services include a comprehensive health care assessment of all runaways referred, as well as intensive services for all youth who qualify for on-going services.

The intensive services include:

1. alcohol, chemical dependency, and mental health screenings;
2. treatment for problem substance use, PTSD, depression, and anxiety;
3. regular visits with youth at their homes, schools and in the community;
4. direct provision of ongoing individualized supportive services, including health care, health care screenings, alcohol/drug education, mentoring and parent education and parent coaching;
5. assistance and support to enroll in and continue receiving additional supportive services to address the needs of the youth; and
6. collecting evaluation data and reporting this information to the program evaluator.

The success of the intensive services provided by MCRC is well established and the program has been evaluated rigorously since its inception.

The county's single source agreement with Children's Healthcare Corporation is a maximum not to exceed contract. Children's Healthcare Corporation has provided these youth intervention services to Ramsey County since 2006. The county shall pay quarterly rates of \$40,664.25 for a maximum annual not to exceed amount of \$162,657 for each full year of professional services. The total not to exceed amount over the life of this agreement is \$691,293.

On January 13, 2026, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a single source agreement with Children’s Healthcare Corporation under board resolution B2026-015. After that approval, it has been determined that the initial agreement did not include the standard additional insured language required for all county agreements whereby contractors are required to include the county as additional insured on the Contractor’s Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability, Pollution and Umbrella policies. The attached amendment for the Children’s Healthcare Corporation agreement amends the agreement to include that requirement. This action does not change the scope of services or the financial commitment under this single source agreement as approved by the initial action of the County Board.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the amendment to the single source agreement with Children’s Healthcare Corporation, 2525 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404-1844, for intervention services through Midwest Children’s Resource Center, for the period of January 13, 2026 through March 31, 2030 in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

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Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board