

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

September 3, 2002

Blue Sheet No. 2002 1024

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** (1) Authorize an amendment to contract number 1900 between the Lee County Board of County Commissioners and the Lee Mental Health Center, Inc. dba Ruth Cooper Center for services provided between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002 to allow the agency to transfer money to reflect the Medicaid status of clients served and bill for services provided during the contract term. (2) Authorize Human Services to negotiate a contract with Ruth Cooper Center to utilize the funds remaining in the transportation category (\$79,790) for a short-term respite program during FY 02-03, which provides housing for a period of 60-90 days for persons with mental illness. Authorize the carryover of these funds to FY02-03. Authorize Board chairman to sign contract once complete.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** To utilize the funds remaining in the FY01-02 contract for mental health and housing services provided by the Ruth Cooper Center.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** (1) Allows the agency to be reimbursed for services provided by adjusting contract balances to adult mental health and substance abuse residential cost categories for persons with or without Medicaid coverage. (2) Provides much needed housing options for persons with mental illness. Would provide service to the mental health court.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:** 05

**3. MEETING DATE:**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT #**

CW C5A

September 24, 2002

**4. AGENDA:**

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**  
(Specify)

**6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

- A. COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_
- B. DEPARTMENT Human Services
- C. DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Karen B. Hawes

*K. B. Hawes* 9/14/02

**7. BACKGROUND:**

(1) The Ruth Cooper Center has two types of residential program cost categories that are funded through both the State of Florida and Lee County. The State requires the agency to separate funds used for Medicaid eligible clients (room and board with supervision) and non-Medicaid clients (residential level cost center). Often, it takes months for someone to become Medicaid eligible but the coverage is retroactive to the date of application. When this happens near the end of the contract year, the agency cannot adjust the contract categories due to the contract language requiring all modifications to happen 45 days prior to the contract end. Therefore when the contract ended on June 30, 2002, an excess of funds remained in the Adult Mental Health Residential Level 3 (non-Medicaid) but were needed in the Adult Residential Room and Board with Supervision category (Medicaid). Funds also remained in the Adult Substance Abuse Room and Board with Supervision (Medicaid) but were needed in the Adult Substance Abuse Residential Level 1A (non-Medicaid). (Continued on page 2)

**8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approve the item

**9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing Or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	N/A	N/A	<i>Andrea</i>	OA <i>RK 9/11</i>	OM <i>[Signature]</i>	Risk <i>[Signature]</i>	GC <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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## **7. Background (continued)**

(2) For the recently ended contract period, the Ruth Cooper Center budgeted \$132,500 for transportation of clients to other mental health facilities. As of June 30, 2002 a balance of \$79,790 remained unspent due to the opening of a children's crisis stabilization unit and addictions receiving facility in Lee County as well as other factors that reduce the need to transport individuals to other areas. As the mental health court has evolved, it has become apparent that some individuals need a place to reside upon release from jail until they can secure their own housing. The Ruth Cooper Center owns a group home on Van Buren in East Fort Myers that is currently vacant. The State previously funded a residential program there but due to the shift from residential living programs to community based programs the State funding was reappropriated. The agency is willing to create a short term respite program that would allow individuals to live at the facility with limited supervision for a period of 60-90 days while they secure permanent housing. The program details are being developed. Housing services will be provided during fiscal year 02-03.

Funds are available for both requests in account string:

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Attachments: Letter from Jan Eustis dated August 23, 2002

Contract Modification Report



For Behavioral Health Care  
A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The mission of the Ruth Cooper Center for Behavioral Health Care is to provide leadership in improving and maintaining the quality of life in the community through the provision of human service programs for individuals and families.

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August 23, 2002

Contract Specialists  
Lee County Department of Human Resources  
83 Pondella Rd, Suite 1  
N. Ft Myers, FL 33903

Please consider this a request by Lee Mental Health Center, Inc. dba Ruth Cooper Center to do a one-time modification to a closed contract. (Contract #1900 closed June 30, 2002.)

The Center has two residential programs that are funded by State dollars through the Department of Children & Families. These programs also have funding by Lee County. For the State contract, both of these programs have two types of clients: those with Medicaid and those without Medicaid. This results in two cost centers: The Residential Level cost center is for Non-Medicaid and the Room & Board with Supervision is for Medicaid clients.

With Medicaid, it is possible for a client to become Medicaid eligible with the eligibility being retroactive. When this happens in June, it is impossible for the Center to request a modification to our County contract 45 days before the end of the contract year.

Due to the nature of the Residential Programs, the year-end classification of Medicaid clients, has created two situations of funds not being used in one category and the need for more funds in another category for the same clients.

Therefore, the Center is requesting that the funds in Adult Mental Health Residential Level 3 that were not drawn (\$39,874.87) be shifted to Adult Mental Health Room and Board with Supervision Level 3, where the Center has provided services to clients that were deemed to be Medicaid recipients.

The Center is also requesting that the funds in Adult Substance Abuse Room and Board with Supervision Level 1A that were not drawn (\$16,902.79) be shifted to Adult Substance Abuse Residential Level 1A. Again, these are the same clients in the same program, they just have different classifications for Medicaid. In this case, the clients lost their Medicaid eligibility.

I appreciate the County's consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Janet W. Eustis  
CEO and President

Board of Directors: Carl Joseph Coleman, *Chairman* • Madelyn Issacs, Ph.D., *Vice Chairman* • Barbara A. Williams, *Treasurer*  
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**CONTRACT MODIFICATION REPORT**

For Budget Changes greater than 10% of /total approved contract total or contract changes  
 (Submit three (3) originals)

Authorized Official: **Janet W Eustis** Date of Request August 27, 2002  
 Agency Name: **Lee Mental Health, Inc.** Effective Date of Modification: April 1, 2002  
 Address: **2789 Ortiz Ave** Modification No: 3  
**Ft Myers, FL33905**  
 Budget Amendment: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Contract No: 1900 – Units

**A. Justification (Explain why modification is needed):** This modification is being requested to move funds between cost centers in an Adult Mental Health Residential Program and Adult Substance Abuse Residential Program to account for client's changes in Medicaid status.

**B. B. Language Modification (reference appropriate contract Article):**

**C. Budget Modification:**

Original Budget Categories	Contract Budget Amount	Modified Amount	Net Change
AMH-Case Management	38,499.91	38,499.91	0.00
AMH-Residential Level 1A	25,611.85	25,611.85	0.00
AMH-Residential Level 1B	54,387.72	54,387.72	0.00
AMH-Residential Level 2	50,000.46	50,000.46	0.00
AMH-Residential Level 3	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMH-Residential Level 3	39,874.86	0.00	-39,874.86
AMH-Rm & Bd w/Supv. level 2	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
AMH-Rm & Bd w/Supv. level 3	45,124.89	84,999.75	+39,874.86
ASA-Residential Level 1A	130,648.13	147,550.92	+16,902.79
ASA-Residential Level 4	0.00	0.00	0.00
ASA-Rm & Bd w/Supv. level 1	25,499.90	8,597.11	-16,902.79
CMH-Outpatient Individual	0.00	0.00	0.00
CMH-In-Home and On-Site A	90,120.28	90,120.28	0.00
Transportation	132,500.00	132,500.00	0.00
<b>Contract Total:</b>	<b>\$ 662,268.00</b>	<b>\$ 662,268.00</b>	<b>\$ -0.00-</b>

**LEE COUNTY:**

Reviewed and Approval Recommended By: *Karen B. Havel* 9/4/02  
 Director, Department of Human Services Date

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board of Commissioners Date

**PROVIDER Approval:**  
*Janet W. Eustis* 8/28/02  
 Janet W. Eustis, CEO Date  
 Typed Name and Title

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