DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR

A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

**CONTRACT NO.:** DCRL-2020-R-0098

**CAPTION**: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services

**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** Detroit Behavioral Institute

**PROGRAM AGENCY:**  Child and Family Services Agency

**FINDINGS**

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR §§ 1304 and 1702.

1. **MINIMUM NEED:**

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA or the Agency) has a minimum need to provide psychiatric residential treatment services for children under the care of CFSA and their families. The period of performance shall be from Date of Award through 90 days to ensure service delivery to the youth being placed at the facility. The Contractor shall provide the youth an opportunity to live in the community and learn and practice skills in preparation for successful adult independence.

**3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE**: $82,022.00

1. **FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

CFSA has an urgent need for placement of a youth in need of placement. The current diagnosis consists of: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; Bi-Polar w/psychotic features; Gender Dysphoria; Intellectual Disability and Depression. In planning for a proper placement for this youth, the CFSA Social Worker contacted 5 (five) other psychiatric residential treatment facilities that have the capability to accept the youth. Below are the 11 (eleven) facilities:

Jada Thompson is a twelve-year-old girl who has displayed a significant amount of behavioral concerns in the home, which contributed to her being placed in foster care. Jada is verbally and physically aggressive with her mother, siblings, and family supports. Jada requires and seeks a significant amount of one on one attention and acts out when she does not get it. Jada also acts out when she does not get what she wants when she wants it. Since entering care in August 2018, Jada has been in over a dozen placements. Jada had two failed stays at Residential treatment facilities, as well as a failed attempt at Reunification with her mother.

Jada is unstable in the community. Jada continues to have multiple psychiatric hospitalizations due to suicidal/homicidal ideations, as well as severe aggression. Jada’s most recent hospitalizations include August 2019 for a suicide attempt, and October 2019 for aggression. Jada continues to be a danger to herself and others.  Jada has becoming physically aggressive towards CFSA staff when redirected. Since being in the community she has demonstrated explosive behaviors, warranting police intervention on at least 3 occasions. She has been engaged in threatening behavior, and property destruction.

Jada has only been medication compliant when in a contained environment. Her instability makes it incredibly difficult to maintain her in a foster home, causing frequent transitions. Efforts have been made to have her reside with relatives but her verbally and physical aggression has been unmanageable.

**Medicaid and Non-Medicaid facilities that have been explored for Jada.**

New Hope:  Denied; Youth has been denied by the clinical team due to lengthy hx of assaultive behaviors toward peers and staff. Current milieu cannot support a youth with her aggressive profile.

Devereux GA: Denied; Our clinical team has reviewed the information you provided on Jada T.  After careful consideration, it was determined that we are unable to approve her for our program.  The team expressed concern with her ongoing severe level of aggression and extreme defiance even in residential treatment.  We currently have several girls with this high level of acuity and it was determined that our program could not support another at this time.

Mountain Mingus: Denied; Jada’s behaviors are too acute for placement at MMA, specifically her consistent and excessive defiant and aggressive behaviors, as well as her history of fire setting. It is likely that Jada will continue to experience difficulty with social interactions particularly in a normative culture which requires Jada to receive verbal interventions and feedback.

Star Albion Prep:  Denied; after reviewing the information, we do not believe she is an appropriate candidate for our program due her significant history of suicidal and homicidal ideation, and aggression towards peers and staff.

Newport News Behavioral Health: Denied; youth was placed there previously and was discharged due to aggression towards staff, staff press charges

Harbor Point BHC: Denied; JT was denied due to her assaultive behaviors at this time she is not appropriate for the current milieu

Hermitage Hall: Denied; Due to the level of her aggression, we have determined she falls outside the scope of services our program can provide.

Coastal Harbor: Denied; We are unable to accept due to her extreme aggression.

Foundations for Living: Denied; Due to accept due to her level of aggression, we have determined she falls outside the scope of services our program can provide.

Fox Run Center:  Denied; Due to her aggressive behaviors and  previous charges we have determined she falls outside of the scope of services our program can provide.

Sandy Pines: Denied; We have reviewed the packet for Jada T. however due to her primary bx issues, we do not feel that she would be appropriate for our program.

**Detroit Behavioral Institute - ACCEPTED**

Detroit Behavioral Instituteprovides Inpatient Acute Psychiatric Care and Psychiatric Residential Treatment care for children and adolescents, ages 5 to 17 with intensive, comprehensive mental health needs that require stabilization and/or higher level of care to maintain safety.  Detroit Behavioral Institutealso provides residential treatment services twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week to children and youth who present with chronic and severe mental health and behavioral needs.

Residential treatment is part of a continuum of care, which provides services at varying levels of intensity from the most too least restrictive. This continuum of care is dynamic; treatment services provided to the clients are geared toward improving the level of functioning, so those clients progress too less restrictive setting and increased levels of functioning.

Detroit Behavioral Institute will provide inpatient acute psychiatric care and /or psychiatric residential treatment for CFSA involved children and adolescents who may also present with medical needs, learning disabilities and behavioral problems that range from moderate to severe.

Therefore, it is in the best interest of the District to proceed with acquiring the services from the above referenced provider. Failure to secure this care poses an imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of this youth.

**5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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Date Brenda Donald

Director

Child and Family Services Agency

**CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER**

1. I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent

to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

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Date Tara Sigamoni

Agency Chief Contracting Officer

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine

that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either

Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010

(D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

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Tara Sigamoni Date

Agency Chief Contracting Officer