

Pennington County Human Service Committee

Meeting Agenda

February 16, 2023

12:00 pm

Members Present

_____ Roy Sourdif

_____ Seth Nelson

_____ Dave Sorenson

_____ Neil Peterson

_____ Bruce Lawrence

Section A

- I. Minutes: Review of 01/18/2023 HSC Meeting Minutes
- II. Personnel:
 - A. Update on Eligibility Position
 - B. Update on Social Workers Position
 - C. Case Aide Position
- III. General:
 - A. CY 2023 Pennington County Children's Mental Health Screening Contract
 - B. Out-of-Home Cost Report
 - C. Month's End Cash Balance
 - D. Other

Section B

- I. Special Case Situations (Social Services)
- II. Income Maintenance Update
- III. Special Case Situations (Public Assistance)
- IV. Payment of Bills

Section C

- I. Dates of Upcoming Committee Meetings:

02/16/2023
12:00 pm

03/21/2023
12:00 pm

04/18/2023
12:00 pm

A regular meeting of the Pennington County Human Service Committee was held at 12:00 pm, January 18, 2023, at the Pennington County Justice Center.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Lawrence
Neil Peterson
Seth Nelson
Dave Sorenson
Roy Sourdif

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julie Sjostrand, Director
Tammy Johnson
Stacy Anderson
Mitch Anderson

SECTION A

I. MINUTES:

The December 20, 2022, Human Service Committee Meeting Minutes were electronically posted for review. Noting no corrections or changes, a recommendation was made to forward the Minutes to the Consent Agenda.

II. PERSONNEL:

- A. The Director announced the hiring of Mitch Anderson to fill the Social Services Supervisor position for the Adult Services Unit. Mr. Anderson will start his employment on January 25, 2023. Upon conclusion of this announcement a recommendation was made to forward this item to the Consent Agenda.
- B. The Director presented a request to post, interview and hire for the Social Worker/ -MSHO/MSOC+/Elderly Wavier Case Manager Vacancy. Recommendation was made to forward this item to the Consent Agenda.
- C. The Director announced that Wendi Palm has been hired to fill the Social Worker/Disability position. Ms. Palm starts her employment on February 1, 2023. Upon conclusion of the announcement a recommendation was made to forward this item to the Consent Agenda.
- D. The Director announced that Kelsey Lian has transferred internally to fill the Child Support Officer position. Kelsey starts her new position on February 6, 2023. Upon conclusion of the announcement a recommendation was made to forward this item to the Consent Agenda.
- E. The Director presented a request to post, interview and hire for the Eligibility worker position being vacated because of Kelsey Lian's transfer to Child Support Officer. Recommendation was made to forward this item to the Consent Agenda.

III. GENERAL:

- A. The Director presented the CY 2023 Child Support Division Security Officer Agreement.

- B. The Out-of-Home Cost Report through December 2022 was presented for Review.
- C. Month's end cash balance for December 2022 stands at \$ 4,092,234.23.

SECTION B

- I. No Social Service cases were presented for special case review.
- II. Tammy Johnson, Financial Assistant Supervisor presented the Emergency Assistance/Emergency General Assistance December 2022 report of activity. She reported the Income Maintenance open case count stands at 2101.
- III. No Income Maintenance cases were presented for special case consideration.
- IV. A listing of bills presented for payment was reviewed. A recommendation for payment of the bills was forwarded to the Consent Agenda.

SECTION C

Be it resolved that the foregoing record is a true and accurate recording of the official actions and recommendations of the Human Service Committee for Pennington County and, as such, constitutes the official minutes thereof.

Chair: _____

Attest: _____

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: February 16, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.



Minnesota Department of Human Services County Grant Contract

This Grant Contract, and all amendments and supplements to the contract (“CONTRACT”), is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division (“STATE”) and Pennington County, an independent grantee, not an employee of the State of Minnesota, located at 318 North Knight Avenue, Thief River Falls, MN 56701-0340 (“COUNTY”).

RECITALS

STATE, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 2(a)(6), has authority to enter into contracts for the following services: mental health screenings, assessments, and referrals for diagnostic assessment and/or treatment for children within the child welfare and juvenile justice populations (prioritizing funds for uninsured and underinsured children).

STATE, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 13.46, is permitted to share information with COUNTY.

COUNTY represents that it is duly qualified and willing to perform the services set forth in this CONTRACT to the satisfaction of STATE.

THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

CONTRACT

1. CONTRACT TERM AND SURVIVAL OF TERMS.

1.1. Effective date: This CONTRACT is effective on January 1, 2023, or the date that STATE obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 5, whichever is later.

1.2. Expiration date. This CONTRACT is valid through December 31, 2023, or until all obligations set forth in this CONTRACT have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

1.3. No performance before notification by STATE. COUNTY may not begin work under this CONTRACT, nor will any payments or reimbursements be made, until all required signatures have been obtained per Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, subd. 7, and COUNTY is notified to begin work by STATE's Authorized Representative.

1.4. Survival of terms. COUNTY shall have a continuing obligation after the expiration of CONTRACT to comply with the following provisions of CONTRACT: Liability; Information Privacy and Security; Intellectual Property Rights; State audit; and Jurisdiction and Venue.

1.5. Time is of the essence. COUNTY will perform its duties within the time limits established in CONTRACT unless it receives written approval from STATE. In performance of CONTRACT, time is of the essence.

2. COUNTY'S DUTIES.

2.1 Duties. COUNTY shall perform duties as follows:

1. Provide mental health screenings to eligible children/youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems as described in Minnesota Statutes, § 245.4874, subd.i 1(12); § 260B.157, subd. 1; § 260B.176, subd. 2(e); and § 260B.235, subd. 6.
2. Utilize mental health screening instruments which have been approved for use with the child welfare and juvenile justice populations by the Commissioner of Human Services.
3. Utilize eligible screeners (child welfare and juvenile justice professionals and/or mental health practitioners) and ensure all screeners are trained and demonstrate competency on the use of the DHS approved screening instruments.
4. For those children/youth who are subsequently identified through screening as at-risk of needing or who need mental health services, COUNTY must inform the child/youth and parents or primary caregivers of the implications of a positive screen, and assist families with making a referral to a mental health professional for any necessary follow up mental health assessment or treatment.
5. For those children/youth who are subsequently identified through a positive screening as at-risk of needing or who need mental health services, COUNTY may choose to utilize grant funds for short term clinical, ancillary or supportive services such as diagnostic assessment, psychotherapy, skills and support groups, and other necessary mental health services not reimbursable by MHCP or other insurance.
6. **For child welfare data, enter calendar year 2022 data into SSIS by March 15, 2023.** For juvenile justice data, send data in the approved format and deadline indicated by the designated Department of Corrections contact.

2.2 Accessibility. Any information systems, tools, content, and work products produced under this CONTRACT, including but not limited to software applications, web sites, video, learning modules, webinars, presentations, etc., whether commercial, off-the-shelf (COTS) or custom, purchased or developed, must comply with the [Minnesota IT \(MN.IT\) Accessibility Standards](#), as updated on June 14, 2018. This standard requires, in part, compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 (Level AA) and Section 508 Subparts A-D.

Information technology deliverables and services offered must comply with the MN.IT Services Accessibility Standards and any documents, reports, communications, etc. contained in an electronic format that COUNTY delivers to or disseminates for the STATE must be accessible. (The relevant requirements are contained under the "Standards" tab at the link above.) Information technology deliverables or services that do not meet the required number of standards or the specific standards required may be rejected and STATE may withhold payment pursuant to clause 3.2(a) of CONTRACT.

3. CONSIDERATION AND TERMS OF PAYMENT.

3.1 Consideration. STATE will pay for all services satisfactorily provided by COUNTY under this CONTRACT.

a. Compensation.

1. COUNTY will be paid in accordance with **Attachment 1**, Budget, which is attached and incorporated into this CONTRACT.
2. Budget Modification.
 - a. STATE contemplates that the necessary use of services within the CMH Screening program cannot be forecasted precisely, and that actual expenditures may deviate from budgeted amounts for each BRASS code. Therefore, COUNTY is authorized to utilize funds for any of the BRASS code services identified in Attachment 1, Budget. An amendment will not be required for shifting funds between line items, as long as COUNTY first obtains written approval from STATE before changing any part of the budget, and total expenditures do not exceed the total obligation identified in Section 3.1(c). COUNTY will report all expenditures using the SEAGR/2895/BRASS-Base Grant Fiscal Report.

b. Travel and subsistence expenses. Reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses actually and necessarily incurred as a result of COUNTY's performance under this CONTRACT shall be no greater an amount than provided in the most current Commissioner's Plan (which is incorporated by reference), promulgated by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget as specified in the [Commissioner's Plan](#).¹ COUNTY shall not be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside the geographical boundaries of Minnesota unless it has received prior written approval from STATE. Minnesota shall be considered the home state for determining whether travel is out of state.

c. Total obligation. The total obligation of STATE for all compensation and reimbursements to COUNTY shall not exceed **three thousand seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$3,715)**. The breakdown of the total award amount is as follows: Child Welfare, **zero dollars (\$0)** and Juvenile Justice, **three thousand seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$3,715)**.

d. Withholding. For compensation payable under this CONTRACT, which is subject to withholding under state or federal law, appropriate amounts will be deducted and withheld by STATE as required.

3.2. Terms of payment

a. Invoices. Payments shall be made by STATE promptly after COUNTY submits an invoice for services performed and the services have been determined acceptable by STATE's authorized agent pursuant to Clause 4.1. Invoices shall be submitted in a form prescribed by STATE, if applicable, and according to the following schedule:

¹ <https://mn.gov/mmb/employee-relations/labor-relations/labor/commissioners-plan.jsp>

REPORTING PERIOD	INVOICE DUE
January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023	April 30, 2023
April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023	July 30, 2023
July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023	October 30, 2023
October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	January 30, 2023

If STATE does not prescribe a form, COUNTY may submit invoices in a mutually agreed invoice format.

4. CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT.

4.1. Satisfaction of STATE. All services provided by COUNTY pursuant to this CONTRACT shall be performed to the satisfaction of STATE, as determined at the sole discretion of its authorized representative, and in accord with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. COUNTY shall not receive payment for work found by STATE to be unsatisfactory, or performed in violation of federal, state or local law, ordinance, rule or regulation, or if COUNTY has failed to provide Grant Progress Reports pursuant to Clause 2.2, or if the Progress Reports are determined to be unsatisfactory.

4.2. Payments to subcontractors. (If applicable) As required by Minn. Stat. § 16A.1245, COUNTY must pay all subcontractors, within ten (10) calendar days of COUNTY’s receipt of payment from STATE for undisputed services provided by the subcontractor(s) and must pay interest at the rate of 1-1/2 percent per month or any part of a month to the subcontractor(s) on any undisputed amount not paid on time to the subcontractor(s).

4.3. Administrative costs and reimbursable expenses. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, subd. 1, COUNTY agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant. COUNTY shall ensure that costs claimed for reimbursement shall be actual costs, to be determined in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.0 et seq., COUNTY shall not invoice STATE for services that are reimbursable via a public or private health insurance plan. If COUNTY receives funds from a source other than STATE in exchange for services, then COUNTY may not receive payment from STATE for those same services. COUNTY shall seek reimbursement from all sources before seeking reimbursement pursuant to CONTRACT.

5. PAYMENT RECOUPMENT.

COUNTY must reimburse STATE upon demand or STATE may deduct from future payments under this CONTRACT or future CONTRACTS the following:

- a. Any amounts received by COUNTY from the STATE for contract services that have been inaccurately reported or are found to be unsubstantiated;
- b. Any amounts paid by COUNTY to a subcontractor not authorized in writing by STATE;
- c. Any amount paid by STATE for services which either duplicate services covered by other specific grants or contracts, or amounts determined by STATE as non-allowable under the line item budget, clause 3.1(a);

- d. Any amounts paid by STATE for which COUNTY'S books, records and other documents are not sufficient to clearly substantiate that those amounts were used by COUNTY to perform contract services, in accordance with clause 2, COUNTY's Duties; and/or
- e. Any amount identified as a financial audit exception.

6. CANCELLATION.

6.1. For cause or convenience. In accord with Minn. Stat. § 16B.04, subd. 2, the Commissioner of Administration has independent authority to cancel this CONTRACT. CONTRACT may be canceled by STATE or COUNTY at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. The thirty (30) day notice may be waived, in writing, by the party receiving notice. In the event of such a cancellation, COUNTY shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed. STATE has the right to suspend or terminate this CONTRACT immediately when STATE deems the health or welfare of the service recipients is endangered, when STATE has reasonable cause to believe that COUNTY has breached a material term of the CONTRACT, or when COUNTY's non-compliance with the terms of the CONTRACT may jeopardize federal financial participation.

6.2. Insufficient funds. STATE may immediately terminate this CONTRACT if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination will be by written notice to COUNTY. STATE is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after the effective date of termination. COUNTY will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. STATE will not be assessed any penalty if the CONTRACT is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. STATE must provide COUNTY notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of STATE's receiving that notice.

6.3. Breach. Notwithstanding clause 6.1, upon STATE's knowledge of a curable material breach of the CONTRACT by COUNTY, STATE shall provide COUNTY written notice of the breach and ten (10) days to cure the breach. If COUNTY does not cure the breach within the time allowed, COUNTY will be in default of this CONTRACT and STATE may cancel the CONTRACT immediately thereafter. If COUNTY has breached a material term of this CONTRACT and cure is not possible, STATE may immediately terminate this CONTRACT.

7. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY, and PROJECT MANAGER.

7.1. State. STATE's authorized representative for the purposes of administration of this CONTRACT is **Regina Acevedo** or successor. Phone and email: **651-431-4871, CMHSG.DHS@state.mn.us**. This representative shall have final authority for acceptance of COUNTY's services and if such services are accepted as satisfactory, shall so certify on each invoice submitted pursuant to Clause 3.2.

7.2. County. COUNTY's Authorized Representative is **Julie Sjostrand** or successor. Phone and email: **218-681-2880, jasjostrand@co.pennington.mn.us**. If COUNTY's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this CONTRACT, COUNTY must immediately notify STATE.

7.3. Information Privacy and Security. (If applicable) COUNTY's responsible authority for the purposes of complying with data privacy and security for this CONTRACT is **Julie Sjostrand** or successor. Phone and email: **218-681-2880, jasjostrand@co.pennington.mn.us**.

8. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

8.1. Worker's Compensation. The COUNTY certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The COUNTY'S employees and agents will not be considered employees of the STATE. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees or agents and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees or agents are in no way the STATE'S obligation or responsibility.

9. LIABILITY.

To the extent provided for in Minn. Stat. §§ 466.01-466.15, the COUNTY agrees to be responsible for any and all claims or causes of action arising from the performance of this grant contract by COUNTY or COUNTY'S agents or employees. This clause shall not be construed to bar any legal remedies COUNTY may have for the STATE'S failure to fulfill its obligations pursuant to this grant.

10. INFORMATION PRIVACY AND SECURITY.

- a. It is expressly agreed that STATE will not be disclosing or providing information protected under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13 (the "Data Practices Act") as "not public data" on individuals to COUNTY under this Contract. "Not public data" means any data that is classified as confidential, private, nonpublic, or protected nonpublic by statute, federal law or temporary classification. Minn. Stat. § 13.02, subd. 8a.
- b. It is expressly agreed that COUNTY will not create, receive, maintain, or transmit "protected health information", as defined in the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, on behalf of STATE for a function or activity regulated by 45 C.F.R. 160 or 164. Accordingly, COUNTY is not a "business associate" of STATE, as defined in HIPAA, 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 as a result of, or in connection with, this CONTRACT. Therefore, COUNTY is not required to comply with the privacy provisions of HIPAA as a result of, or for purposes of, performing under this CONTRACT. If COUNTY has responsibilities to comply with the Data Practices Act or HIPAA for reasons other than this CONTRACT, COUNTY will be responsible for its own compliance.

11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

11.1. Definitions. Works means all inventions, improvements, discoveries (whether or not patentable or copyrightable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs,

negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created or originated by COUNTY, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of the CONTRACT. Works includes "Documents." Documents are the originals of any data bases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by COUNTY, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, in the performance of this CONTRACT.

11.2. Ownership. STATE owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the Works and Documents created and paid for under this CONTRACT. The Works and Documents will be the exclusive property of STATE and all such Works and Documents must be immediately returned to STATE by COUNTY upon completion or cancellation of this CONTRACT. To the extent possible, those Works eligible for copyright protection under the United States Copyright Act will be deemed to be "works made for hire." If using STATE data, COUNTY must cite the data, or make clear by referencing that STATE is the source.

11.3. Responsibilities.

- a. Notification.** Whenever any Works or Documents (whether or not patentable) are made or conceived for the first time or actually or constructively reduced to practice by COUNTY, including its employees and subcontractors, and are created and paid for under this CONTRACT, COUNTY will immediately give STATE's Authorized Representative written notice thereof, and must promptly furnish the Authorized Representative with complete information and/or disclosure thereon. COUNTY will assign all right, title, and interest it may have in the Works and the Documents to STATE.
- b. Filing and recording of ownership interests.** COUNTY must, at the request of STATE, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record STATE's ownership interest in the Works and Documents created and paid for under this CONTRACT. COUNTY must perform all acts, and take all steps necessary to ensure that all intellectual property rights in these Works and Documents are the sole property of STATE, and that neither COUNTY nor its employees, agents, or subcontractors retain any interest in and to these Works and Documents.
- c. Duty not to infringe on intellectual property rights of others.** COUNTY represents and warrants that the Works and Documents created and paid for under this CONTRACT do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of other persons or entities. Notwithstanding Clause 9, COUNTY will indemnify; defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General; and hold harmless STATE, at COUNTY's expense, from any action or claim brought against STATE to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of these Works or Documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. COUNTY will be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages, including but not limited to, attorney's fees. If such a claim or action arises, or in COUNTY's or STATE's opinion is likely to arise, COUNTY must, at STATE's discretion, either procure for STATE the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing Works or Documents as necessary and appropriate to obviate the

infringement claim. This remedy of STATE will be in addition to and not exclusive of other remedies provided by law.

- d. **Federal license granted.** If federal funds are used in the payment of this CONTRACT, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 75.322, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is granted a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

12. PUBLICITY.

12.1. General publicity. Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this CONTRACT must identify STATE as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the STATE's authorized representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, websites, social media, and similar public notices prepared by or for the COUNTY individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this CONTRACT. All projects primarily funded by state grant appropriation must publicly credit the State of Minnesota, including on the COUNTY's website when practicable.

12.2. Endorsement. COUNTY must not claim that STATE endorses its products or services.

13. OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT. The STATE shall have the right to require transfer of all equipment purchased with grant funds (including title) to STATE or to an eligible non-STATE party named by the STATE. If federal funds are granted by the STATE, then disposition of all equipment purchased under this grant contract shall be in accordance with OMB Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 C.F.R. § 200.313. For all equipment having a current per unit fair market value of \$5,000 or more, STATE shall have the right to require transfer of the equipment (including title) to the Federal Government. These rights will normally be exercised by STATE only if the project or program for which the equipment was acquired is transferred from one grantee to another.

14. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND COUNTY DEBARMENT INFORMATION.

14.1. State audit.

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, subd. 8, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the COUNTY or other party that are relevant to the CONTRACT are subject to examination by STATE and either the legislative auditor or the state auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the CONTRACT end date, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

14.2. Independent audit. If COUNTY conducts or undergoes an independent audit during the term of this CONTRACT that is relevant to this CONTRACT, notice of the relevant audit must be provided to STATE within thirty (30) days of the audit's completion and a copy provided, if requested.

14.3. Federal audit requirements and COUNTY debarment information. COUNTY certifies it will comply with 2 C.F.R § 200.501 et seq., as applicable. To the extent federal funds are used for this

CONTRACT, COUNTY acknowledges that COUNTY and STATE shall comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.331. Non-Federal entities receiving \$750,000 or more of federal funding in a fiscal year must obtain a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.501. Failure to comply with these requirements could result in forfeiture of federal funds.

14.4. Debarment by STATE, its departments, commissions, agencies or political subdivisions.

COUNTY certifies that neither it nor its principles are presently debarred or suspended by the State of Minnesota, or any of its departments, commissions, agencies, or political subdivisions. COUNTY's certification is a material representation upon which the CONTRACT award was based. COUNTY shall provide immediate written notice to STATE's authorized representative if at any time it learns that this certification was erroneous when submitted or becomes erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

14.5. Certification regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion – lower tier covered transactions.

COUNTY's certification is a material representation upon which CONTRACT award was based. Federal money will be used or may potentially be used to pay for all or part of the work under CONTRACT, therefore COUNTY must certify the following, as required by 2 C.F.R. § 180, or its regulatory equivalent.

a. Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this CONTRACT, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this CONTRACT is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverages sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this CONTRACT is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this response that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9,

subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this CONTRACT that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

b. Lower Tier Covered Transactions.

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this CONTRACT, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this CONTRACT.

15. JURISDICTION AND VENUE.

This CONTRACT, and amendments and supplements, are governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this CONTRACT, or breach of the CONTRACT, shall be in the state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

16. CLERICAL ERRORS AND NON-WAIVER.

16.1. Clerical error. Notwithstanding Clause 17.1, STATE reserves the right to unilaterally fix clerical errors contained in the CONTRACT without executing an amendment. COUNTY will be informed of errors that have been fixed pursuant to this paragraph.

16.2. Non-waiver. If STATE fails to enforce any provision of this CONTRACT, that failure does not waive the provision or STATE's right to enforce it.

17. AMENDMENT, ASSIGNMENT, SEVERABILITY, ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AND DRAFTING PARTY.

17.1. Amendments. Any amendments to this CONTRACT shall be in writing, and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original CONTRACT, or their successors in office.

17.2. Assignment. COUNTY shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this CONTRACT without the prior written consent of STATE.

17.3. Entire Agreement.

- a. If any provision of this CONTRACT is held to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, the validity and enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions of this CONTRACT shall not in any way be affected or impaired. The parties will attempt in good faith to agree upon a valid and enforceable provision that is a reasonable substitute, and will incorporate the substitute provision in this CONTRACT according to clause 17.1.
- b. This CONTRACT contains all negotiations and agreements between STATE and COUNTY. No other understanding regarding this CONTRACT, whether written or oral may be used to bind either party.

17.4. Drafting party. The parties agree that each party individually has had an opportunity to review with a legal representative, negotiate and draft this CONTRACT, and that, in the event of a dispute, the CONTRACT shall not be construed against either party.

18. PROCURING GOODS AND CONTRACTED SERVICES.

18.1. Contracting and bidding requirements. COUNTY certifies that it shall comply with Minn. Stat. § 471.345.

18.2. Prevailing wage. For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per Minn. Stat. §§ 177.41 through 177.44; consequently, the bid request must state the project is subject to *prevailing wage*. These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole. Vendors should submit a prevailing wage form along with their bids.

18.3 Debarred vendors. In the provision of goods or services under this CONTRACT, COUNTY must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in Minnesota or under federal law. Before entering into a subcontract, COUNTY must check if vendors are suspended or debarred by referencing

the Minnesota Department of Administration's [Suspended/Debarred Vendor Report](#). A link to vendors debarred by Federal agencies is provided at the bottom of the web page.

19. SUBCONTRACTS.

COUNTY, as an awardee organization, is legally and financially responsible for all aspects of this award that are subcontracted, including funds provided to sub-recipients and subcontractors, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §§ 75.351-75.352. COUNTY shall ensure that the material obligations, borne by the COUNTY in this CONTRACT, apply as between COUNTY and subrecipients, in all subcontracts, to the same extent that the material obligations apply as between the STATE and COUNTY.

20. LEGAL COMPLIANCE.

20.1 General compliance. All performance under this CONTRACT must be in compliance with state and federal law and regulations, and local ordinances. Allegations that STATE deems reasonable, in its sole discretion, of violations of state or federal law or regulations, or of local ordinances, may result in CONTRACT cancellation or termination and/or reporting to local authorities by STATE.

20.2 Nondiscrimination. COUNTY will not discriminate against any person on the basis of the person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, gender identity, disability, public assistance status, sexual orientation, age, familial status, membership or activity in a local commission, or status as a member of the uniformed services. COUNTY must refrain from such discrimination as a matter of its contract with STATE. "Person" includes, without limitation, a STATE employee, COUNTY's employee, a program participant, and a member of the public. "Discriminate" means, without limitation, to: fail or refuse to hire, discharge, or otherwise discriminate against any person with respect to the compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or; exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination under any COUNTY program or activity.

COUNTY will ensure that all of its employees and agents comply with Minnesota Management and Budget Policy #[1329](#) (Sexual Harassment Prohibited) and #[1436](#) (Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited).

20.3 Grants management policies. COUNTY must comply with required [Grants Management Policies and procedures](#) as specified in Minn. Stat. § 16B.97, subd. 4(a)(1). Compliance under this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, participating in monitoring and financial reconciliation as required by Office of Grants Management (OGM) [Policy 08-10](#).

20.4 Conflict of interest. COUNTY certifies that it does not have any conflicts of interest related to this CONTRACT, as defined by OGM [Policy 08-01](#). COUNTY shall immediately notify STATE if a conflict of interest arises.

21. OTHER PROVISIONS

21.1. No Religious Based Counseling. COUNTY agrees that no religious based counseling shall take place under the auspices of this CONTRACT.

Signature Page Follows

By signing below, the parties agree to the terms and conditions contained in this CONTRACT.

APPROVED:

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A and section 16C.05.

By: _____

Date: _____

Contract No: _____

Distribution: (fully executed contract to each)

Contracts and Legal Compliance Division

County

State Authorized Representative

2. COUNTY

Signatory certifies that County's articles of incorporation, by-laws, or corporate resolutions authorize Signatory both to sign on behalf of and bind the County to the terms of this Agreement. County and Signatory agree that the State Agency relies on the Signatory's certification herein.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

3. STATE AGENCY

By (with delegated authority): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 1 Budget				
BUDGET SUMMARY Year 1		BUDGET SUMMARY Year 2		PROJECT TOTAL
January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023		July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023		
BRASS Code	TOTAL BUDGET FY23	BRASS Code	TOTAL BUDGET FY24	
111 – Mental Health Screening (up to 45%)		111 – Mental Health Screening (up to 45%)		
197 – Local Collaborative Undifferentiated Services		197 – Local Collaborative Undifferentiated Services		
401 – Information & Referral		401 – Information & Referral		
402 – Community Education & Prevention		402 – Community Education & Prevention		
404 – Client Outreach		404 – Client Outreach		
405 – Child Outpatient Diagnostic Assessment/Psychological Testing		405 – Child Outpatient Diagnostic Assessment/Psychological Testing		
407 – Early Identification & Intervention		407 – Early Identification & Intervention		
416 – Transportation		416 – Transportation		
430 – Other Family Community Support Services		430 – Other Family Community Support Services		
451 – Emergency Response Services		451 – Emergency Response Services		
453 – Child Outpatient Psychotherapy		453 – Child Outpatient Psychotherapy		
455 – Child Outpatient Medication Management		455 – Child Outpatient Medication Management		
457 – Child/Family Psychoeducation		457 – Child/Family Psychoeducation		
462 – Family Based Services	\$1,857.50	462 – Family Based Services	\$1,857.50	
467 – Child Day Treatment		467 – Child Day Treatment		
489 – Child Respite Care		489 – Child Respite Care		
490 – Child Rule 79 Case Management		490 – Child Rule 79 Case Management		
TOTAL FUNDS State Fiscal Year 2023	\$1,857.50	TOTAL FUNDS State Fiscal Year 2024	\$1,857.50	\$3,715.00

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION FY23: January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023		
BRASS Code-Category Breakdown	JUSTIFICATION NARRATIVE	State Fiscal Year 1
<p>462 – Family Based Services Professional home-based family treatment services are intensive mental health services provided to children at risk of, in, or returning from out-of-home placement due to an emotional disturbance diagnosis. Services must be all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed to meet the specific mental health needs of the child and family as written in the individual treatment plan • Provided by a team consisting of a mental health professional with other family/child mental health providers • Flexible, be able to handle crises 24 hours per day and be coordinated with other services 	<p>462 - Family Based Services Family Based Services and parenting skills in Pennington County includes In-Home Skills services for families without health care or non-billable time to support of specific client needs for children with an emotional disturbance diagnosis who are underinsured or not eligible for Medical Assistance. Estimated cost for Family Based Services is \$25.10/hr. x 74 units = \$1,857.40 (rounded up)</p>	\$1,857.50
TOTAL State Fiscal Year 1		\$1,857.50

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION FY24: July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023		
BRASS Code-Category Breakdown	JUSTIFICATION NARRATIVE	State Fiscal Year 2
<p>462 – Family Based Services Professional home-based family treatment services are intensive mental health services provided to children at risk of, in, or returning from out-of-home placement due to an emotional disturbance diagnosis. Services must be all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed to meet the specific mental health needs of the child and family as written in the individual treatment plan • Provided by a team consisting of a mental health professional with other family/child mental health providers • Flexible, be able to handle crises 24 hours per day and be coordinated with other services 	<p>462 - Family Based Services Family Based Services and parenting skills in Pennington County includes In-Home Skills services for families without health care or non-billable time to support of specific client needs for children with an emotional disturbance diagnosis who are underinsured or not eligible for Medical Assistance. Estimated cost for Family Based Services is \$25.10/hr. x 74 units = \$1,857.40 (rounded up)</p>	\$1,857.50
TOTAL State Fiscal Year 2		\$1,857.50

**Pennington County Human Services
Income Maintenance Unit
Active Cases by Program
Jan-23**

Cash	# Cases	## in HH	# Adults	# Children	
MFIP	33	72	26	46	Minnesota Family Investment Program
DWP	2	5	3	2	Diversionsary Work Program
GA	44	44	44	0	General Assistance
GRH	50	50	50	0	Group Residential Housing
MSA	51	51	51	0	Minnesota Supplement Aid
EA	0	0	0	0	Emergency Assistance
EGA	1	1	1	0	Emergency General Assistance
TOTAL	181	223	175	48	

SNAP/Food					
SNAP	595	,092	692	400	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
TOTAL	595				

Health Care					
MA (MAXIS)	551	562	457	105	Medical Assistance
IMD	5	5	5	0	Institute for Mental Disease
QMB	258	259	258	1	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (Medicare Savings Program)
SLMB	58	61	61	0	Service Limited Medicare Beneficiary (Medicare Savings Program)
QI-1	18	21	21	0	QI-1 (Medicare Savings Program)
MA (METS/MNsure)	1,100				Medical Assistance (as of 1/3/2023)
MCRE (METS)	59				MinnesotaCare (as of 1/3/2023)
TOTAL	2,049	908	802	106	

TOTAL ACTIVE PROGRAMS:	2,825
TOTAL ACTIVE CASES:	2,114

