



# Fulton County

## Legislation Text

File #: 22-0560, Version: 1

### Department

Superior Court Administration

### Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, for the purposes of Forensic Peer support services for the Behavioral Health Treatment Court Program participants. This is 100% grant funded through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (Grant Fund TX22) with no County match required. Effective upon BOC approval through June 30, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

### Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

West's Code of Georgia § 36-10-1; All official contracts entered into by the County governing authority with other persons in behalf of the County shall be in writing and entered on its minutes.

### Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Justice and Safety

### Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts ☒
- District 1 ☐
- District 2 ☐
- District 3 ☐
- District 4 ☐
- District 5 ☐
- District 6 ☐

### Is this a purchasing item?

No

### Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

Superior Court Administration requests approval to renew the Memorandum of Agreement.

**Scope of Work:** The Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network will provide at least one Forensic Peer mentor to support participants in our Behavioral Health Treatment Court program. Forensic Peer Mentors provide support, linkage, and care coordination to promote the successful community reintegration of adults with behavioral health diagnoses returning to the community following incarceration. Forensic Peer Mentors have had personal lived experience with the criminal justice

system. Forensic Peer Mentors are people living in recovery from mental health and/or substance use disorder diagnoses and provide trauma-informed, culturally-competent direct services. Under this agreement, the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network would contract with the Fulton County Accountability Court to provide 20 hours per week of Forensic Peer Mentorship to the Behavioral Health Treatment Court Program participants. The Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network will assume responsibility for administration and payroll, supplies, training, and equipment. The Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network will coordinate with Fulton County Accountability Court to develop a work schedule that meets the needs of the Program. The Peer Mentor will provide direct services to participants to include recovery meetings; problem solving, skills based, and psycho-educational groups; individual sessions; and case management support. The Peer Mentor will also maintain all paperwork and documentation required for the services provided. The Fulton County Superior Court Drug Court Program strengthens Fulton County's commitment and support of Accountability/Diversion Programs. The Superior Court recommends Board acceptance of this agreement.

**Community Impact:** The Georgia's Forensic Peer Mentoring Project, established in 2015, provides support, linkage, and care coordination to promote the successful community reintegration of adults with behavioral health diagnoses returning to the community following incarceration.

**Department Recommendation:** Superior Court Administration recommends renewal of this agreement to ensure successful project implementation, outcomes and grant funding compliance.

**Project Implications:** This project is 100% grant funded. Renewal of this agreement will ensure grant project goals are met while improving service delivery to offenders with drug and/or alcohol addiction.

**Community Issues/Concerns:** Superior Court Administration is not aware of any community concerns with the implementation of this project.

**Department Issues/Concerns:** Superior Court Administration has no issues or concerns with this agreement.

### **Contract & Compliance Information** *(Provide Contractor and Subcontractor details.)*

### **Exhibits Attached** *(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)*

Exhibit #1: Memorandum of Agreement

### **Contact Information** *(Type Name, Title, Agency and Phone)*

David Summerlin, Superior Court, Court Administrator, 404.612.4529

### **Contract Attached**

No

### **Previous Contracts**

No

### Total Contract Value

Original Approved Amount: \$28,052  
Previous Adjustments: \$0.00  
This Request: \$28,052  
TOTAL: \$56,104

### Grant Information Summary

Amount Requested: \$28,052  
Match Required: N/A  
Start Date: N/A  
End Date: N/A  
Match Account \$: \$0.00

☐ Cash  
☐ In-Kind  
☐ Approval to Award  
☐ Apply & Accept

### Fiscal Impact / Funding Source

#### Funding Line 1:

461-450-TX22-1160: Grants, Superior Courts-Administration, Professional Services-\$28,052.00

Key Contract Terms	
Start Date: 7/1/2022	End Date: 6/30/2023
Cost Adjustment: \$0.00	Renewal/Extension Terms: Option 1 of 2

Overall Contractor Performance Rating: 4

Would you select/recommend this vendor again?

Yes

Report Period Start: 7/1/2021  
Report Period End: 6/30/2022