

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 22-0622-PR3  
AUTHORIZE NEW AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR SCHOOL BASED THERAPY  
AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize new agreements with various vendors to provide school based therapy and psychological services to all schools at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. Vendors were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2. Written agreements for Vendors' services are currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendors and no payment shall be made to Vendors prior to the execution of their written agreements. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event written agreements are not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

This April 2023 amendment is to add four (4) vendors to the School Based Therapy Services Pool and to remove two (2) vendors for failure to sign their agreement. The two vendors to be removed are Orange Tree Staffing, LLC, and Therapy Travelers LLC. The four vendors being added to the pool are: The Stepping Stones Group, Delta-T Group Illinois, Inc, Invo Healthcare Associates, LLC and ProCare Therapy. These four vendors are needed to increase the amount of staff available to provide services.

Specification Number : 22-519

Contract Administrator : Banks, Amy / 773-553-2280

**USER INFORMATION :**

Project 11610 - Diverse Learner Supports & Services  
Manager: 42 West Madison Street  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Weckler, June A.

Project 11610 - Diverse Learner Supports & Services  
Manager: 42 West Madison Street  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Bonner, Erik D.

**TERM:**

The term of these agreements shall commence on May 1, 2023 and shall end June 30, 2025. These agreements shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:**

The Board shall have the right to terminate these agreements with 30 days written notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendors will provide two separate functions: staffing and operations. The staffing section utilizes agency staff to cover the medical needs of students. Student needs vary, so CPS needs the flexibility to reassign and redeploy related service providers (RSPs) to schools. Operationally, CPS is looking for various vendors to provide supplemental staff to aid in our mission to ensure that all of our students with disabilities are receiving the services that are legally mandated by their individualized education programs

(IEPs). Furthermore, each vendor will provide operational support to drive efficiencies in scheduling, training, and recruiting.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Vendors will provide consistent and reliable related service providers (RSPs) staffing to any school that they are deployed. These RSPs will be fully trained to serve the diverse therapy needs of students. The selected vendors will also help CPS find, recruit and hire for these hard to fill positions to ensure the district has proper staffing coverage.

**OUTCOMES:**

Vendors' services will result in better quality of care in a fiscally responsible way. By executing the scope of work with excellence, Vendors will help CPS realize both of these desired outcomes.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendors shall be paid an hourly rate. Estimated annual aggregate costs for all vendors for the three (3) year term are set forth below:

FY23 \$1,700,000  
FY24 \$1,700,000  
FY25 \$1,700,000

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:**

None

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize Chief Officer of Diverse Learners Supports and Services to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts, (M/WBE Program), the Business Diversity goals for this pool are 30% MBE and 7% WBE. This vendor pool is comprised of 4 vendors with 1 MBE. The User group has committed to achieve the Business Diversity goals through the utilization of the certified diverse suppliers and certified diverse subcontractors.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 114, Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services, Unit 11675

FY23 \$1,700,000  
FY24 \$1,700,000  
FY25 \$1,700,000

Not to exceed \$5,100,000 for the three (3) year term.  
Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

**CFDA#:** Not Applicable

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain

investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ  
Acting Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



PEDRO MARTINEZ  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUCHI VERMA  
General Counsel

- 1) Vendor # 97444  
HEALTHPRO PEDIATRICS, LLC  
307 International Circle Suite 100  
Hunt Valley, MD 21030  
Amber Rice  
513 268-4924
- 2) Vendor # 97446  
ORANGE TREE STAFFING, LLC  
2300 MAITLAND CENTER PARKWAY STE-  
200  
MAITLAND, FL 32751  
Mardly Smith  
407-388-4010  
Joint Venture - Mardly Smith 100%
- 3) Vendor # 16226  
RCM Technologies USA Inc. dba RCM Health  
Care Services  
2500 MCCLELLAN AVE.  
PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109  
Julie McGinnis  
917 286-5150
- 4) Vendor # 97448  
Therapy Travelers LLC & 3Chords Inc. DBA  
TherapyTravelers  
2041 Rosecrans Ave, Suite 245  
El Segundo, CA 90245  
Chelsea Gilton  
888-223-8002  
Sole Proprietor - 100%
- 5) Vendor # 55090  
DELTA-T GROUP ILLINOIS INC  
2625 BUTTERFIELD RD., STE 126 N  
OAK BROOK, IL 60523  
Rachana Patel  
610 527-0830  
Scott McAndrews 50%, Christopher  
McAndrews 50%
- 6) Vendor # 85822  
INVO HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC  
2003 S. EASTON RD STE 308  
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901  
Lauryn Hagel  
813 549-5856  
100% Invo Holdings
- 7) Vendor # 19151  
NEW DIRECTIONS SOLUTIONS LLC DBA  
PROCARE THERAPY  
5550 PEACHTREE PARKWAY SUITE 300  
PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092  
Dauren Parker  
770 882-2000  
72.5% Olympus Growth Fund VII L.P and  
27.5% Olympus Growth Fund VII Parallel LP
- 8) Vendor # 41035  
The Stepping Stones Group, LLC  
123 N UPPER WACKER DR STE 1150  
CHICAGO, IL 60606  
Taheera Khan  
312 631-7762  
100% Stepping Stones Healthcare Services  
LLC