

**ALC Report
For Emergency Review of
Professional Consultant Services Contracts
May 1st, 2014**

On April 23rd, 2014, Senator Bill Sample and Representative John Edwards, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council received written notification from Mr. Richard Weiss, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that review of two Professional Consultant Services (PCS) Contracts for the Department of Human Services required immediate action to avoid a lapse in services.

The contracts are for medical detoxification services. The Department of Human Services Division of Behavioral Health Services received notification from the current provider they would no longer provide the service as of May 1st.

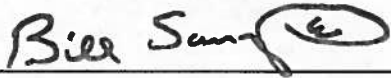
Under Rule 17 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on May 1st, 2014, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and ALC Review Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency review of the contracts was essential to enable the agency to perform essential services. Following is a summary of the contracts that was given emergency review and a copy of the request from DFA is on page 3.

In-State Contracts

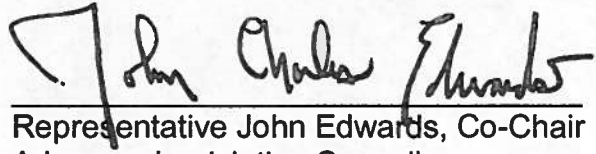
1. Agency: Human Services Department		Contractor: Quapaw House Inc	
Div/Prog: Behavioral Health		Location: Hot Springs	State: AR
Total Authorized:	\$0.00	Org. Term: 05/01/2014 12/31/2014	Procurement: EMG
Total After Review:	\$259,000.00	Funding: Federal - 35% - SAPT-Tx, CFDA 93.959-35; State - 60%; Other - 5% - Drug Prevention & Intervention(Tx&Med)	
Total Projected:	\$259,000.00	Contract Number: 4600031840	
<u>Org/Amt:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid To Date</u>	<u>Objective:</u>
Original:	259,000.00	To establish a contract to provide regional alcohol and drug detoxification and court ordered treatment for substance abuse clients from Pulaski, Saline, Lonoke and Prairie Counties; and back-up for Grant, Jefferson, Arkansas, Cleveland and Lincoln Counties. Service areas: Pulaski, Saline, Lonoke, Prairie, Grant, Arkansas, Cleveland & Lincoln Counties.	

2. Agency: Human Services Department		Contractor: Recovery Centers of Arkansas	
Div/Prog: Behavioral Health		Location: North Little Rock	State: AR
Total Authorized:	\$0.00	Org. Term: 05/01/2014 12/31/2014	Procurement: EMG
Total After Review:	\$603,000.00	Funding: Federal - 35% - SAPT CFDA# 93.959-35; State - 60%; Other - 5% - Drug Prev& Interv(Tx & Med)	
Total Projected:	\$603,000.00	Contract Number: 4600031841	
<u>Org/Amt:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid To Date</u>	<u>Objective:</u>
Original:	603,000.00	To establish a contract to provide regional alcohol and drug detoxification and court ordered treatment for substance abuse clients from Pulaski, Saline, Lonoke and Prairie Counties; and back-up for Grant, Jefferson, Arkansas, Cleveland and Lincoln Counties.	

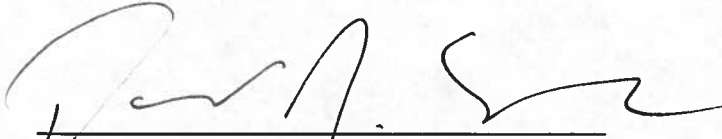
Respectfully Submitted,



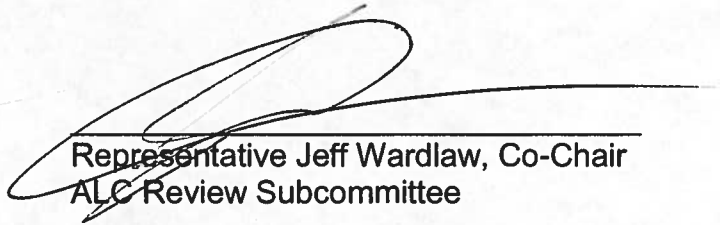
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RE: Emergency Contract Review Requested

Dear Senators Sample and Sanders and Representatives Edwards and Wardlaw:

This is to inform you about a professional consultant contract that requires your immediate attention. Pursuant to Arkansas Legislative Counsel Rule #17, Emergency Action, the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) has two professional service contracts that require immediate review to avoid a lapse in the availability of medical detoxification services. DBHS has contracted with the Little Rock Community Mental Health Center (LRCMHC) since 2006 to provide medical detoxification services. However, on April 1, 2014 LRCMHC notified DBHS that they will no longer provide these critical services, effective May 1, 2014. The Department of Finance and Administration, Office of State Procurement, respectfully requests an emergency review of these two time sensitive professional service contracts that will serve in the best interest of the State.

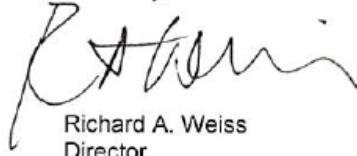
DBHS will immediately begin preparing a competitive procurement for these services. However, due to the very short time frame and the need to ensure that there is no disruption in services which could result in endangerment of human life or health, DHS is requesting approval of emergency contracts with Recovery Centers of Arkansas (RCA) and Quapaw House Inc. (QHI). RCA is the primary substance abuse treatment provider for this region, and has a proven track record of providing quality substance abuse treatment. Quapaw House is nationally accredited and has an established medical detoxification program in place and is willing to expand services to help meet this need. Due to the specialized nature of these services, their high cost, and the specialized staffing required, DHS was unable to identify additional qualified candidates to bid in such a short timeframe.

The proposed terms of both contracts are from May 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. The maximum financial obligation is six hundred three thousand (\$603,000.00) for the RCA contract and two hundred fifty nine thousand (\$259,000.00) for the QHI contract.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Joy Figarsky, Division Director, DBHS, at (501) 218-6845.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Weiss
Director