

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1292 (VERCHER) – This resolution would approve a third amendment to a contract between the Metropolitan Government and the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The amendment would reduce rates for the costs of mental health evaluations and treatments ordered by the General Sessions Court for defendants charged with misdemeanor crimes. Under Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-7-301, *et seq.*, judges are authorized to order defendants charged with misdemeanors to undergo outpatient or inpatient mental health evaluations and treatment.

The original agreement, approved by Resolution No. RS2015-1502, began July 1, 2015 and was to expire June 30, 2016. The State has the option under the contract to extend the term for additional twelve (12) month periods, with the maximum term, including all extensions and renewals, not to exceed a total of sixty (60) months. The first amendment was approved pursuant to Resolution No. RS2016-230. This was essentially a renewal of the agreement whereby the state would provide evaluations and treatment services to be paid for by Metro, with the termination date of the contract extended to June 30, 2017. The second amendment, approved pursuant to Resolution No. RS2017-751, further extended the agreement through June 30, 2018. The resolution under consideration would further extend the term of this contract through June 30, 2019.

The original agreement outlined the services the state would provide and the cost for each service, which ranged between \$100 and \$700 per outpatient service and \$450 per day for inpatient evaluation and treatment. The first amendment increased some reimbursements to \$900.

Fiscal Note: There would be no change to the rates that would be approved by this amendment. The only effect would be to extend the termination date of the contract.