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Subject: Request for additional peer support staff at Ramada

As previously discussed, we are requesting an additional employee for the Ramada Inn location. We feel like it will take a lot of stress off of Mr. Patel and the hotel staff. Sunrise employees have a good repore with these peers that are housed there. They feel as if they can trust us and that we are there with their best interest at heart. We house 86 people in two separate buildings with three different floors and two employees just isn't enough. We make rounds every hour to try to make a connection with everyone but that's hard to do when someone needs to stay in the office in case something happens or something is needed. As certified peer support specialists were not just there to be seen, they were there to assist & support individuals. Since this has started we have helped 8 people apply and receive ID cards, 5 people have gotten employment, 2 ladies have gone into a sober living situation, and 1 peer has received her permanent housing. We have helped retrieve food stamps, stimulus checks and many other things that people need to thrive in life. This may not seem like alot but there is a difference being made everyday. With having a third employee we can focus on more of these things that our peers need to become productive members of society and eventually go on to permanent housing. We would like to request an amendment to the contract asap to add this 3rd staff to the mix, rather than a security person.

This would increase the total budget through June 30th. We are ready to fill this position and can start right away. The cost of this is an additional \$7,392.00

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3rd staff @\$20hr	fringe	total
6,720.00	672	7392

Let me know your thoughts...

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