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MOTION

WE MOVE that the Administration redirect the \$40,000 in Human Services funding allocated for the Caracole Transitional Housing Program to the Tender Mercies Permanent Supportive Housing Program. Caracole informed the city that it would not extend its contract for FY2017 funding because it had decided to phase out its City-funded transitional housing program and to institute a permanent supportive housing program instead. Because this new program would not be operational during the contract time, Caracole chose to not extend its contract for this year (See Attachment A for more detailed information); and

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration take all steps necessary to amend and revise its contracts with Caracole and Tender Mercies to reflect these changes in funding.

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Councilmember Yvette Simpson

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STATEMENT

Caracole decided to phase out its transitional housing program, for which, the City was going to provide \$40,000. Instead, Caracole decided to begin a permanent supportive housing program. That program will not begin during the contractual period; therefore, they do not need the funding originally provided by the City.

HSAC decided to shift the \$40,000 to a similar program administered by Tender Mercies. The additional funding will enable Tender Mercies to provide more services to those facing mental health barriers.

**City of Cincinnati Human Services Advisory Committee
FY2017 Human Services Fund Recommendations**

The Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) met on September 14, 2016, and considered one change to the current Human Services Fund allocations.

In the Reducing Homelessness goal area, Caracole informed the city that it would not extend its contract for FY2017 funding because it had decided to phase out its City-funded transitional housing program and to institute a permanent supportive housing program instead. Because this new program would not be operational during the contract time, Caracole chose to not extend its contract for this year.

This decision resulted in \$40,000 unallocated funds for FY2017. The HSAC volunteers reviewed the current investments in the Reducing Homelessness goal area and decided to recommend re-allocating these funds to the program that is most equivalent to the Caracole transitional housing program. Tender Mercies provides supportive housing for people with mental health diagnoses. Tender Mercies has said that the additional \$40,000 in Human Services Funding would enable it to increase its efforts to help more clients who are able to live independently to move from supportive housing. This would result in more clients being able to live independently and allow them to serve more people in their supported housing program.

The Human Services Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$40,000 to Tender Mercies as a one-time grant for FY2017 to be used for helping more clients move to independent living situations.