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MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 1:30 P.M.
Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

PRESENT: *Richard Canter, Kathie Eilers, Kenneth Ginlack, Dennise Lavrenz, and Mary Neubauer

EXCUSED: N/A

*Due to technical difficulties, Richard Canter joined during Item 2.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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| 1. | <p>Welcome.</p> <p>Board Chair, Mary Neubauer, announced that Richard Canter is now the Chair of the Finance Committee, replacing Kathie Eilers.</p> <p>Former Chairwoman Eilers welcomed everyone to the March 28, 2024 Mental Health Board Finance Committee's remote/virtual meeting.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Minutes from the February 22, 2024, Committee Meeting.</p> <p>No questions were asked; therefore, minutes were adopted.
This Item was informational.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Discussion of Public Comment Budget Feedback from March 21, 2024.</p> <p>Board Chairwoman Neubauer presented a synopsis of the Public Comment Hearing. This was a robust session. Nora Hitchcock spoke about peer run respite and sustainability. The understanding initially is that the State would take on that funding, but based on Ms. Hitchcock's comments, that may not be the case and will require follow up. Legal concerns were brought up by other speakers who shared their struggles with their unique situations. The Liaison position will hopefully be able to assist in the future. Mr. Lappen provided an update that the contract with Mental Health America was signed and they have asked for 30 days grace to get that up and running.</p> <p>Concerns about Granite Hills had been discussed and will require further discussion as a future Committee or Board meeting agenda item.</p> <p>Discussion ensued at length.</p> <p>This Item was informational.</p> |

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

4.	<p>Q4 2023 Dashboard.</p> <p>There was a budget surplus reported and it was explained that the WIMCR revenue was paid and this is really a “catch up” from previous years. The rate fluctuates based on crisis reporting and we are reimbursed based on years prior. The CARS contracts are a Fee-for-Service and those were underspent and vacant, unfilled, positions also contributed to the surplus. There continues to be a deficit in Children’s Mental Health Services due to the HMO changes and that will likely change once the funding source has changed in 2024. AODA is also running a deficit due to changes by the state and what is paid by them vs what is not covered. RCC is covered by Medicaid, but not room and board. Previously, we had grants to cover that, but can no longer leverage grant funds when the state pays a portion, so tax levy must be used to cover it now.</p> <p>CCS was highlighted that it continues to be a solid program across the board. This Item was informational.</p>
5.	<p>Q4 2023 Financial Reporting Package.</p> <p>The reporting package presented is the graphics component to Item 4. This Item was informational.</p>
6.	<p>Update on Risks and Opportunities Facing BHS.</p> <p>This is a continuation of Items 4 and 5 with more of a long-term advocacy focus. Out of Home Placements for youth will need to be funded with tax levy as there have been changes with the state in how they pay. With the transition of the Wraparound HMO, this should be minimally impactful to service recipients, but we are working to ensure enrollment numbers in 2025 and budgets in 2025 are accurate. Rates for providers for in-patient and other community services.</p> <p>Opioid settlement funds are being used now and over the next 18 years. DHHS was awarded funds for prevention and vending machines this will off-set tax levy. Allows us to focus on AODA treatment which typically isn’t able to be funded. Board member Ginlack offered that treatment beds becoming available is vital for the community.</p> <p>This Item was informational.</p>
7.	<p>Quarterly Fund Transfer Report.</p> <p>This is a summary of fund transfers from the current budget. It’s mostly administrative changes to already approved grant awards and moving of budgets for staff based on WIMCR funding.</p> <p>This Item was informational.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

8.	<p>Quarterly Reserve Fund Overview.</p> <p>Projecting \$1.2M deficit for Wraparound. Wraparound has a separate reserve fund than BHS. General surplus of \$5.4M for BHS. Overall, this \$34.9M surplus is well over the minimum \$10M required surplus.</p> <p>This Item was informational.</p>
9.	<p>\$1M Budget Investment in Housing First.</p> <p>Each year \$1M is allocated to the Housing First program and Mental Health Board Chair Neubauer is suggesting for consideration that the \$1M can have a tracking mechanism to move anyone who has an opioid addiction and move those individuals under Opioid Settlement dollars instead to allow more dollars to stay in Housing First for alcohol addiction treatment.</p> <p>Fortunately, the request for Opioid Settlement dollars Milwaukee County was awarded do have some flexibility to include alcohol treatment already. More discussion to be had in the future.</p> <p>This Item was informational.</p>
10.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairman Canter ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

This meeting was recorded. The official copy of these minutes and subject reports, along with the audio recording of this meeting, is available on Milwaukee County's Legislative Information Center website, which can be accessed by clicking the link below.

Length of meeting: 1:35 p.m. to 3:03 p.m.

Adjourned,

Jennifer Miles

Jennifer Miles
Interim Board Administrative Liaison
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

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**The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board
Finance Committee will be on
Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.**

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**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Services Administration
Inter-Office Communication**

DATE: April 8, 2024

TO: Mary Neubauer, Chairperson – Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

FROM: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Approved by Michael Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Services

SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
Requesting Authorization to enter into 2024 Professional Services Contracts**

Issue

Wisconsin Statute 51.41(10) requires approval for any contract, or group of contracts by the same contractor for essentially the same service, related to mental health (substance use disorder), with a value of at least \$100,000. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board. Per the statute, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization for Behavioral Health Services (BHS) to enter into professional services agreements.

Background

Approval of the recommended contract allocation will allow BHS to provide a broad range of rehabilitation and support services to adults with mental health and/or substance use disorders and children with serious emotional disturbances.

Professional Services Contracts

Goodwill Industries of Southeast Wisconsin, Inc. - \$75,000

This is a one-year Professional Service Contract for 2024. This is the 5th year of service from this contractor for the same service. BHS CARS seeks MHB approval of this contract retroactively to 1/1/2024 to run through 12/31/2024. The agency will network to establish business relationships to educate employers and work to increase the employment rate for CARS clients in mental health and substance abuse recovery. The 5-year cumulative amount for services from the vendor for essentially the same service is \$375,000.

Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc. - \$200,000.00

AMENDMENT TO: BHS contracts with the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc. (MCWAH) for resident and fellow housestaff activities, as part of BHS' training site designation with the MCW Psychiatry Training Programs. The residents and fellows assigned gain medical and psychiatric experience within BHS Crisis and Community services. Rotations will include experiences with Assisted Outpatient Treatment/Assertive Community Treatment (AOT/ACT), Milwaukee Mobile Crisis, Milwaukee Mental Health Clinic, Coordinated Opportunities for Recovery and Empowerment (CORE), Access Clinics, the Detention Center and

with Administration/Legal Services. Oversight of all resident and fellow activities is by BHS psychiatry staff. BHS is seeking to amend the current agreement to cover the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 for an added amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, resulting in a total contract of \$405,000.

Status Solutions, LLC - \$116,240.00

Status Solutions, LLC is a situational awareness service that utilizes real-time notification to response teams or law enforcement in the event of potential life-threatening events for workers. It provides personal electronic devices, surveillance, and software links for staff in a variety of settings including indoors, parking lots, and those performing community outreach functions. Two-way communication is also possible in the event of a need for mass communication to staff. The system will be employed both in the current Coggs building as well as the new building under construction. This is a sole source agreement due to the specialized nature of the security solution. The contract is for three years in the amount of \$116,240.00.

Fiscal Summary

The amount of spending requested in this report is summarized below.

Vendor/Agency Name	Currently Approved Allocation	Contract Change Requested Amount	2023 Allocation	Proposed 2024 Allocation	Variance
Goodwill Industries of Southeast Wisconsin, Inc.	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc.	\$205,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$205,000.00	\$405,000.00	\$200,000.00
Status Solutions, LLC	\$0.00	\$116,240.00	\$0.00	\$116,240.00	\$116,240
Total	\$205,000.00	\$391,240.00	\$280,000.00	\$596,240.00	\$316,240.00

*Represents an agreement with at least partial grant funding

Shakita LaGrant-McClain

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Cc: Richard Canter, Finance Chairperson

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Services Administration
Inter-Office Communication**

DATE: March 27, 2024

TO: Mary Neubauer, Chairperson – Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

FROM: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Approved by Michael Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Services

SUBJECT: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
Requesting Authorization to Execute 2024 Purchase of Service Agreements

Issue

Wisconsin Statute 51.41(10) requires approval for any contract related to mental health (substance use disorder) with a value of at least \$100,000. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board. Per the statute, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization for the BHS Children's Community Mental Health Services & Wraparound Milwaukee, and the Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) Networks to execute mental health and substance use contracts.

Background

Approval of the recommended contract allocation will allow BHS to provide a broad range of rehabilitation and support services to adults with mental health and/or substance use disorders and children with serious emotional disturbances.

2024 Contract for Adult Services

Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS) - \$250,000

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: adding funds to 2024 POS contract (BHS-POS332-022024) effective dates 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024 to operate the Community Linkages and Stabilization Program (CLASP) for BHS clients. CLASP aims to support clients' recovery, increase clients' ability to live independently in the community, and reduce clients' incidents of emergency room visits and rehospitalization. This voluntary program provides extended support and services through Certified Peer Specialists trained to share their experiences and recovery with individuals in crisis to empower people throughout the recovery process. The County funds this contract through \$279,714 in tax levy and \$250,000 Medicaid passthrough. The \$250,000 for the 2024 Medicaid pass-thru payments was omitted from the 2024 MHB approval for the contract. The existing WCS purchase of service contract for CLASP services is for \$279,714 and this additional funding would bring the total 2024 contract to \$529,714.

Vivent Health – \$26,798*

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: adding funds to a 9-month POS contract (Contract # BHS-POS335-022024) effective dates 1/1/2024 – 9/29/2024. Requesting to add \$26,798 to the existing Vivent Prevention and Harm Reduction Supply Distribution Services contract. The purpose of this additional funding is for Vivent Health to purchase additional harm reduction supplies needed for BHS to distribute to targeted populations as identified. This additional funding is coming from the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) grant funding. The existing contract was for \$136,089, and this additional funding would bring the total contract amount to \$162,887.

2024 Contract for Childrens Services

Christine Shafer dba The SEA Group - \$10,160

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: adding funds to POS contract (BHD POS246 012022) effective dates 1/1/2022-12/31/2024. The SEA Group provides Educational Advocacy Services to help youth enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee to obtain an Individual Education Plan (IEP), achieve appropriate school placements, and reduce unnecessary residential and day treatment services. The existing SEA Group purchase of service contract is for \$540,059 and this additional funding would bring the total contract amount to \$550,219.

St. Charles Youth & Family Services - \$292,445.00

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: adding funds to 2024 POS contract (BHS-POS336-022024) effective dates 1/1/2024-12/31/2024.

Vendor to provide day to day oversight of Owen's Place (southside) while ensuring availability of resources and opportunities to support young adults transitioning to adulthood. These services should engage and empower young adults to actively plan for adulthood. Owens Place provides a welcoming environment which young adults will find inviting and therefore attend regularly. This work focuses on establishing strong positive relationships with young adults and facilitating their search for information that supports their transition including the critical domains of functioning: working, living, learning, belonging, healing, and safety. The existing St. Charles purchase of service contract is for \$285,000 and this additional funding would bring the total 2024 contract of \$577,445.

St. Charles Youth & Family Services - \$ 290,000

BHS leadership is requesting a single-source contract for St. Charles Youth and Family Services to provide youth crisis care coordination services to newly enrolled youth effective May 1, 2024. This program, along with CCS, will fill the gaps of HMO-funded programming scheduled to fully sunset September 30, 2024. A single-source contract is being requested for this agreement due to the tight timeline around sunseting the HMO and ensuring continuation of high-quality Wraparound community mental health services. St. Charles Youth and Family services was chosen given their performance on the most recent Agency Performance Reviews. While this is a pilot program to begin, it is the intention of Wraparound Milwaukee to have an RFP posted in July for services in 2025 with the potential to add one to three agencies through that RFP process. The requested funding will result in a contract in the amount of \$290,000 for the remainder of 2024.

Fiscal Summary

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Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS)	\$279,714.00	\$250,000.00	\$529,714.00	\$529,714.00	\$0.00
Vivent Health Inc.*	\$136,089.00	\$26,798.00	\$0.00	\$162,887.00	\$162,887.00
Christine Shafer dba The SEA Group	\$540,059.00	\$10,160.00	\$540,059.00	\$550,219.00	\$10,160.00
St. Charles Youth & Family Services	\$285,000.00	\$292,445.00	\$426,779.99	\$577,445.00	\$150,665.01
St. Charles Youth & Family Services	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	\$290,000.00
Total	\$1,240,862.00	\$869,403.00	\$1,496,552.99	\$2,110,265.00	\$613,712.01

*Represents an agreement with at least partial grant funding.



Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Cc: Richard Canter, Finance Chairperson

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Services Administration
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: March 27, 2024

TO: Mary Neubauer, Chairperson – Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

FROM: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Approved by Michael Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Services

SUBJECT: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
Requesting Authorization to Execute 2024 Fee-for-Service Agreements

Issue

Wisconsin Statute 51.41(10) requires approval for any contract related to mental health (substance use disorder) with a value of at least \$100,000. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board. Per the statute, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization for the BHS Children's Community Mental Health Services & Wraparound Milwaukee, and the Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) Networks to execute mental health and substance use contracts.

Background

Approval of the recommended contract allocations will allow BHS to provide a broad range of rehabilitation and support services to adults with mental health and/or substance use disorders and children with serious emotional disturbances.

2024 Contract for Adult Services

Broadstep of Wisconsin, Inc. (Broadstep SUD Residential-Milwaukee Women's Recovery Center) - \$201,000

CONTRACT AMENDMENT adding funds to FFS contract effective dates 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2025. Requesting to add \$201,000 to the Broadstep contract to provide residential Substance Use Disorder services to women and family members. The existing FFS contract with this vendor is for \$99,000 and this additional funding would bring the total contract amount to \$300,000.

Blue Skies Holistic Care (FKA Pinnacle) - \$61,000

CONTRACT AMENDMENT adding funds to 2024 - 2025 Fee For Service Agreement for Behavioral Health/Social Services. Vendor will provide Comprehensive Community Services to BHS CARS clients. The existing FFS contract with this vendor is for \$99,000 and this additional funding would bring the total contract amount to \$160,000.

Unique Unity, LLC - \$151,000

CONTRACT AMENDMENT adding funds to 2024 - 2025 Fee For Service Agreement for Behavioral Health/Social Services. Vendor will provide Residential (AFH) services to BHS CARS clients. The existing FFS contract with this vendor is for \$99,000 and this additional funding would bring the total contract amount to \$250,000.

2024 Contract for Childrens Services**831 Adult Family Home - \$201,000 (initial contract amount of \$99,000)**

CONTRACT AMENDMENT adding funds to FFS contract effective dates 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2025. This vendor provides Adult Family Home services to youth in Wraparound Milwaukee. In addition to room/board, youth receive treatment, care and services. The existing FFS contract with this vendor is for \$99,000 and this additional funding would bring the total contract amount to \$300,000.

Jefferson County Human Services - \$300,000 (initial contract amount of \$99,000)

CONTRACT AMENDMENT adding funds to FFS contract effective dates 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2025. The vendor will operate a Youth Crisis Stabilization Facility *YCSF) for boys and girls ages 10-17 years old as a diversion from Psychiatric Crisis Services and a step-down resource to help shorten hospital stays. The existing FFS contract with this vendor is for \$99,000 and this additional funding would bring the total contract amount to \$300,000.

Fiscal Summary

The amount of spending requested in this report is summarized in the table below:

Vendor/Agency Name	Currently Approved Allocation	Contract Change Requested Amount	2023 Allocation	Proposed 2024 Allocation	Variance
Broadstep of Wisconsin, Inc.	\$99,000.00	\$201,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Blue Skies Holistic Care (FKA Pinnacle)	\$99,000.00	\$61,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$10,000.00
Unique Unity, LLC	\$99,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$160,000.00
831 Adult Family Home	\$99,000.00	\$201,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Jefferson County Human Services	\$99,000.00	\$201,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Total	\$495,000.00	\$815,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$1,310,000.00	\$1,070,000.00



Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Cc: Richard Canter, Finance Chairperson

DATE: March 14, 2024

TO: Mary Neubauer, MSW, CPS , Chairperson, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

FROM: Michael Lappen, BHS Administrator
Submitted by John Schneider, MD, FAPA, BHS Chief Medical Officer

SUBJECT: **Report from Behavioral Health Services Administrator, Requesting Approval to Implement one “Employment Agreement” As Established Under BHS Personnel Policy for Specific Classified, Unclassified and Exempt Physician, Psychologist and Advanced Practice Nurse County Employees**

Issue

Wisconsin Statute 51.41(10) requires approval for any contract related to mental health with a value of at least \$100,000. No such contract or contract amendment shall take effect until approved by the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board.

Per the above Statute, the BHS Administrator is requesting authorization to establish one (1) new Employment Agreement with a position for which we are currently recruiting.

Discussion

Due to the significant time, effort and expense associated with recruiting and retaining qualified medical staff, Behavioral Health Services, in collaboration with the Compensation Division and Corporation Counsel, has established a personnel policy that allows for employment agreements for specific classified, unclassified and exempt physician, psychologist and advanced practice nurse classifications within Milwaukee County employ. The purpose of these agreements is to stipulate total compensation including fringe benefits, recruitment/retention incentives and to establish a reasonable and fair "minimum resignation notice" requirement, which does not exist under Civil Service rules.

We submit the table below, which lists the personnel transaction that BHS will be requesting the Milwaukee County Chief Human Resources Officer to implement, in connection with Employment Agreement execution.

NEW AGREEMENT - RECRUITMENT									
ITEM ID	HIGH/ LOW ORG	POSITION JOB CODE	NO. POSITIONS	RECOMMENDED		INFORMATIONAL:			EFFECTIVE DATE (on or after)
				PAY RANGE	ANNUAL PAY RATE	Market equitable alignment based on overall job duties/responsibilities, industry competition, competencies and education/experience requirements.			
EA2024-4A	6300/ 6446	21016003	1	P020	Min	\$115,460	X	Immediate Recruitment Need.	04/28/2024
							X	Retention	
					Max	\$167,419	X	Industry shortage / high competition for profession	
					\$135,000 *			Other:	

The individual practitioner(s) entering into this agreement shall maintain current status as a benefit-eligible COUNTY EMPLOYEE, or if newly hired shall be established as a benefit-eligible COUNTY EMPLOYEE, including ERS or WRS enrollment, as applicable, and subject to all applicable Milwaukee County and BHS personnel policies and Civil Service rules, where applicable.

Based on industry shortage and high competition, a recruitment/retention bonus may also be offered in some instances. All bonuses awarded shall be subject to conditions. Amount of bonus for above position(s), if determined to be eligible, **shall not exceed \$10,000 annually**.

*The recommended and offered salary is equitable to what other BHS employees with similar post-graduate training experience are earning. If practitioner accepts part-time employment, recommended annual pay rate and bonus shall be pro-rated based on the assigned part-time FTE.

In all cases, any funds identified through the Employment Agreement as a retention or other bonus shall not be considered eligible earnings under the Milwaukee County or State Pension Plans. Therefore, a retention or other bonus shall not affect in any manner any pension benefit under the Employee Retirement System (ERS) or Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), including, but not limited to, earnable compensation, final average salary, service credit, eligibility for a benefit or timing of a benefit. Paid Extra Shifts may be authorized to salaried employees at Administration's discretion when a critical patient care need exists.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board approve entering into an "Employment Agreement" (contract) with candidate selected for this vacant position within the recommended total compensation amount.

References

Wis. Stats. [46.19\(4\)](#): the salaries of any superintendent of a mental health institution and the salaries of any visiting physician and necessary additional officers and employees whose duties are related to mental health shall be fixed by the county executive.

Wis. Stats. [51.41\(10\)](#): MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACTS. Any contract related to mental health with a value of at least \$100,000, to which Milwaukee County is a party may take effect only if the Milwaukee County mental health board votes to approve, or does not vote to reject, the contract.

Wis. Stats. [51.42\(6m\)\(i\)](#): Establish salaries and personnel policies of the programs of the county department of community programs subject to approval of the county executive or county administrator and county board of supervisors, except in Milwaukee County, or the Milwaukee County mental health board in Milwaukee County unless the county board of supervisors or the Milwaukee County mental health board elects not to review the salaries and personnel policies.

Fiscal Effect

The recommended compensation contained in this report is supported by currently funded and authorized positions within Behavioral Health Services' 2024 operating budget. There is no tax levy associated with this request.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Lappen, Administrator
Behavioral Health Services

cc M. Kathleen Eilers, Chairperson, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Finance Committee
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
John Schneider, MD, BHS Chief Medical Officer
Matthew Fortman, DHHS/BHS Fiscal Administrator
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Jennifer Miles, BHS Office Manager / Interim MHB Committee Coordinator

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: March 27, 2024

To: Mary Neubauer, Chairperson – Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into an agreement for grant funding.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Grant Name: Funding to Cover Room and Board Costs for Medicaid Members with an Opioid Use Disorder in Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs.

Funder: State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services

Funding Type: Renewal

BHS Department: CARS

Budget Period: 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024

Amount: \$493,412

Match Required: No

With these funds, BHS will be able to fund the Room and Board portion of Residential Treatment Services for individuals with an opioid use disorder, or at risk of an opioid overdose and has Medicaid.

REPORT

Existing Residential Treatment providers will all be eligible for this funding through their existing Fee for Service agreements.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to accept the \$493,412 in funding from the State of Wisconsin.

PREPARED BY:

Jennifer Alfredson, Senior Grants Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Shakita LaGrant-McClain

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

cc: Richard Canter, Finance Chairperson

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 9, 2024

To: Mary Neubauer, Chairperson – Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Informational Update from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Enrollment Changes for Children's Services with HMO Transition

File Type: Informational Report

BACKGROUND

Children's Community Mental Health Services & Wraparound Milwaukee is currently transitioning to a different funding model to replace the current HMO programming. This communication was sent to Care Coordination agencies to provide an update on processes related to the transition.

REPORT

This communication is to serve as an important update regarding information that will impact each of the Care Coordination (CC) agencies currently contracted with BHS Children's Community Mental Health Services & Wraparound Milwaukee. Beginning in May, screenings and assessments will start to occur for current HMO enrolled youth, to discuss alternative programming options for continued mental health support, to include programming within the Children's Mental Health Services System of Care. The schedule is below.

May – St. Charles Youth and Family Services

June – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

July – La Causa and Jewish Family Services

August – Jewish Family Services (continued) and Wisconsin Community Services

September – Wisconsin Community Services

Leadership from Wraparound Administration will meet with each agency the month prior, to review records, schedule screenings, and talk through the process. Unless the youth and/or family has a specific preference, youth that newly enroll in the HMO for the remainder of April 2024 will be assigned to the CC agency with the latest transition date. During each agency's scheduled month, the Care Coordinator along with an Options Counselor, will meet with the youth and family together, providing support and gathering information to complete the screening and assessment. Options Counselors will review each program with the youth and families and determine eligibility. We expect all Care Coordinators to work closely with Wraparound Administration during this process and assist with what is needed. For

youth and families enrolled in programming that disenrollment is naturally being discussed with a community-based plan being sought, or the youth and family are not interested in additional programming, we would not look to screen them during this process.

We will continue to update and share information as necessary to ensure a seamless transition with this process, as we learn and understand the impact on youth and their families.

PREPARED BY:

Brian McBride, Director, Children's Community Mental Health Services & Wraparound
Milwaukee

APPROVED BY:

Shakita LaGrant-McClain

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

cc: Richard Canter, Finance Chairperson