

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Division Administration
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman – Milwaukee County Board

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Authorization to Increase the 2012 Purchase of Service Contract with Outreach Community Health Center (formerly Healthcare for the Homeless) for the Behavioral Health Division

Issue

Section 46.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires County Board approval for the purchase of human services from nongovernmental vendors. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by resolution of the County Board. Per Section 46.09, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to increase the 2012 purchase-of-service (POS) contract with Outreach Community Health Centers (formerly known as Healthcare for the Homeless) related to increased grant funds at the Behavioral Health Division (BHD).

Background

BHD was awarded a federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant for treatment for homeless services in 2009. The grant was written so as to leverage funds that the Milwaukee County Housing Division was receiving as part of the 2009 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) initiative. Whereas the SAMHSA grant awarded to BHD was able to fund some BHD personnel costs and important treatment needs for the program participants, the HPRP funds awarded at around the same time to the Housing Division were identified to fund a 1.0 FTE position of Housing Case Manager with Healthcare for the Homeless (now known as Outreach Community Health Centers) to assist program participants with accessing permanent, sustainable housing. While the duration of the SAMHSA grant is for a total of five years, the HPRP funds are only available for a total of three years and will sunset as of July 2012.

At this time, the SAMHSA grant is fully operational and is providing key services to individuals who are homeless and living with a substance abuse or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. The program has been quite successful in helping numerous individuals

attain sustainable income, sobriety and permanent housing. With two years left of the SAMHSA grant, it is important to maintain the programmatic stability that has been achieved over time and has contributed to the success of the program participants.

BHD staff have been informed that there are unobligated funds of \$87,500 from the first year of the SAMHSA grant that can be carried over and utilized in future years of the grant. This carryover request has been made and should be approved soon. BHD is requesting to use a portion of these carryover funds, when approved, to increase the Outreach Community Health Centers purchase of service contract so that the 1.0 FTE Housing Case Manager position can continue to be funded without disruption. BHD is requesting an increase to their purchase of service contract of \$26,000, to a total of \$1,469,338 for 2012. This use of funds has been discussed with the grant administrator and BHD received a positive response.

Fiscal Effect

The revenue received through the SAMHSA grant completely offsets the total recommended increase in Outreach Community Health Centers contract. There is no tax levy effect. A fiscal note form is attached. If necessary, a fund transfer will be submitted later in 2012.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to increase the Outreach Community Health Centers purchase of service contract by \$26,000 to \$1,469,338 for the time frame of July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.



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