

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 17, 2023

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting the creation of 1.0 FTE Opioid Prevention Coordinator in Aging and Disabilities Services

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to create 1.0 FTE Opioid Prevention Coordinator in paygrade 29M.

POLICY

The maximum number of positions and/or the maximum number of employee hours in a given classification are approved as part of the annual adopted budget. Changes to the authorized number of positions outside of the budget process require approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Milwaukee County Ordinances:		17.28
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BACKGROUND

On December 15, 2021, the Milwaukee County Board approved File 21-1127 which authorized the Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) to enter into Settlement Agreements to receive funds from three Opioid Settlement distributors. On February 2, 2023, the Milwaukee County Board approved File 23-114 which appropriated \$11,456,094 of the Opioid Settlement Funds to finance 15 proposals to address the opioid crisis in Milwaukee County. These proposals included an Opioid Prevention Project sponsored by the Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS) with a budget of \$843,661.

The requested Opioid Prevention Coordinator is necessary to implementing this project for ADS. Specifically, the Opioid Prevention Coordinator will provide education to community partners, providers, and staff on appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with opioids and develop a system to capture prevalence, referrals, and evaluation of current

programs and practices. The position would also offer consultation on evidence-based practices that seek to support people in treatment and recovery and connect people to services as well as provide ongoing follow up when opioids are misused.

The project start date is January 1, 2023 and the project end date is December 31, 2025.

Position requested:

Title	Pay Range	Annual Salary Range
Opioid Prevention Coordinator	\$30.74-\$36.83	\$63,939.20-\$76,606.40

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The request to create a new position in the DHHS aligns with the county's strategic plan to ensure that we can continue in determining what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal note is attached.

TERMS

The requested position create would be effective upon approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

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