

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend a 2020 purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services within the Division of Youth and Family Services**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to amend a 2020 purchase of service contract for the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

Background

Since 1970, DHHS has supported a social service delivery system comprised of both directly provided and purchased services using a combination of State, grant and local tax funds. Partnerships with community providers have allowed DHHS to cooperate and collaborate with various community agencies and resources. These partnerships further the opportunities for community participation, leverage resources and utilize community expertise regarding the DYFS community response to delinquency.

DYFS conforms to the DHHS Request for Proposals (RFP) process to ensure objectivity and fairness in the awarding of purchase of service contracts. DYFS relies on these objective reviews, community panels and DHHS contract administration/quality assurance to guide award recommendations. DYFS also may consider other salient factors in order to best meet the needs of the court and youth served including the financial stability of applicants to ensure the continuity of services, the minimization of service disruption, provider alignment with emerging strategies or changing system demands, opportunities for further resource leveraging and information sharing and maximization of resources.

In December 2019, DYFS received approval under File No. 19-884 to execute a purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) for a period of January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020 for services related to the Shelter Care programs pending the outcome of the RFP to continue services into 2020 during the RFP process.

Shelter Care

Shelter Care provides short-term (typically 30 days), non-secure, 24-hour supervised care and residential programming to youth. The program primarily serves youth pending court for alleged delinquency as an alternative to secure detention placement. Other youth involved in the youth justice system may be placed in Shelter Care at the discretion of either DYFS or the Children's Court. While in shelter care, youth receive programming which includes community service activities, mentoring, recreational activities, and tutoring, etc. For 2020, the number of slots for boys is maintained at 15 and the slots for girls is reduced from 10 to five. The girls' slots were reduced due to low utilization. The 2018 average daily population was 2.9 and in 2019, the average daily population was 2.8.

DYFS issued an RFP and is recommending a purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services in the amount of \$1,071,960 for the period of May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Service	Provider	January 1 - April 30	May 1 - December 31	Total 2020 Contract
Shelter Care	Wisconsin Community Services	\$765,688	\$1,071,960	\$1,837,648

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to enter into a purchase of service contract for the time period of May 1 through December 31, 2020 with Wisconsin Community Services.

Approval of the recommended contract allocation will allow for the provision of high-priority, services for youth being served by DYFS.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed purchase of service contract reflects total expenditures of \$1,071,960 for a term of May 1 to December 31, 2020. Sufficient funds have been allocated in the 2020 Budget to cover these costs. A fiscal note form is attached.



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