

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: October 22, 2013

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 Purchase of Services Contracts with Horizon Healthcare for the Office of Consumer Affairs and Community Advocates for the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition in 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. Further, Wisconsin Act 14 adopted by the State Legislature earlier this year requires contracts over \$300,000 to be approved by the County Board.

Per this governing legislation, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to increase two existing purchase of services contracts with the following vendors: 1) Horizon Healthcare for the Office of Consumer Affairs for consumer reimbursement stipends for individuals providing consultation services for the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) and 2) Community Advocates for a universal substance abuse prevention strategy coordinated through the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Discussion

Office of Consumer Affairs

Horizon Healthcare has been administering the functions for the Office of Consumer Affairs since October 2012. The agency provides peer specialist services for individuals in the BHD acute inpatient hospital and crisis stabilization homes. The Office of Consumer Affairs also facilitates an aftercare group for recently discharged patients and their families twice a month.

The Office of Consumer Affairs provides a mechanism for the reimbursement of consumer participation in accordance with the BHD Consumer Reimbursement Policy. This activity is solely for the reimbursement of BHD sponsored activities with prior authorization. To date, the Office of Consumer Affairs has reimbursed 146 unique individuals providing consultation services to BHD. These individuals have provided consultation services to the Mental Health

Redesign and Implementation Task Force, participated as members of person-centered change teams, and conducted workshops on behalf of BHD.

The existing contract of \$458,505 is projected to deficit by \$11,000. The requested amendment of \$11,000 would increase the total contract to \$469,505.

Milwaukee Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Community Advocates administers and staffs the work of the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention (MCSAP) Coalition. This 40-member coalition is comprised of Milwaukee County citizens, substance abuse service professionals, and individuals who are familiar with the consequences of alcohol and other drug abuse.

Given the experience of Community Advocates in administering the work of the MCSAP Coalition, BHD is proposing to partner with them on a universal substance abuse preventative intervention targeted at inter-generational substance abuse through a public service announcement and other universal strategies.

The requested amendment of \$116,600 increases the existing contract of \$1,022,380 to \$1,138,980 and aligns the scope of work and the annual collection of data related to the National Outcome Measurement System/Government Performance and Results Act (NOMS/GPRA). In addition, BHD is required to report the number of evidence-based programs, policies and practices implemented, and the number of people reached by the prevention strategies used. Community Advocates has linkages through the coalition to deliver a preventative intervention and report the outcomes of the universal prevention strategy.

The amendment with Community Advocates is funded by the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and has no tax levy impact.

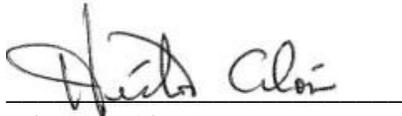
Fiscal Effect

A fiscal note form is attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to increase the existing purchase of services contracts with the following agencies for the period of November 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013: 1) Horizon Healthcare/Office of Consumer Affairs by \$11,000 and 2) Community Advocates by \$116,600.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Héctor Colón", is written over a horizontal line.

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