

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: **A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into 2014 purchase of service contracts with community agencies for a variety of Housing Division programs**

Issue

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to enter into 2014 purchase of service (POS) contracts with community agencies for the Housing Division. Approval of the recommended contract allocations will allow the Housing Division to provide a broad range of housing related supportive services.

Discussion

Proposed 2014 Contract Allocation: \$2,320,337

This report reflects proposed contract allocations of \$2,320,337, an increase of \$470,000 compared to 2013. This is related to an increase of \$70,000 to annualize the operations of the Pathways To Permanent Housing transitional housing program and \$400,000 to fund a new scattered-site permanent supportive housing model. The new housing programs came out of recommendations from the Community Linkages Committee of the Mental Health Redesign.

In addition, the 2014 Adopted Budget includes \$300,000 in funding for homeless shelters. Early in 2014, DHHS will report back to the County Board with recommendations on the allocation of this funding.

Emergency Shelter Care

Contracts for emergency shelter care and related services are recommended for continuation. County funding has traditionally been provided to support the agency's general emergency shelter operations. Together these contracts assist agencies in providing emergency shelter to over 300 persons every night.

- **The Cathedral Center**

2014 Recommended: \$175,000

The Cathedral Center offers shelter to 65 women and families, as well as comprehensive medical services to assist residents in reaching the goal of independence.

Transitional Housing – Pathways To Permanent Housing

- Milwaukee Center For Independence (MCFI)

2014 Recommended: \$570,000

The Pathways To Permanent Housing Program is a 27-bed transitional housing program that serves a variety of community housing needs. The program targets individuals who are either ready to be discharged from an institution or are coming out of a setting such as Crisis Respite or the Community Resource Center. In addition, Pathways is an alternative for individuals transitioning from a Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) and it gives consumers an additional housing option for those on CBRF waiting lists. A portion of these units also are used for individuals who are homeless.

Supported Apartment Program

- Transitional Living Services (TLS)

2014 Recommended: \$264,345

TLS operates supported apartments at three different locations in the County. Main Street Apartments provides housing for 16 individuals, Oklahoma Apartments has a capacity of 12 individuals and Fardale Apartments serve 38 individuals. These apartments provide the needed support for consumers to live semi-independently. Individuals residing in supported apartments typically have impairment in several areas of daily functioning. The supported apartments are considered transitional so the consumer and their treatment team will identify criteria that align with discharge goals that are contained in their service plan.

Permanent Supportive Housing Development – Scattered-Site

- Guest House of Milwaukee Inc.

2014 Recommended: \$400,000

The Scattered-Site supportive housing program is new for 2014. The Housing Division conducted a request for proposals (RFP) and the Guest House of Milwaukee Inc. is being recommended for funding. This model will consist of 40 units of scattered-site permanent supportive housing. Funding will assist with rental assistance as well as provide services such as case management and peer support. Program participants will pay 30 percent of their income towards rent and the program will cover the remainder of the costs. Guest House will work with existing landlords in partnership with the Housing Division to find safe and affordable housing units for the program. The services will include case management and peer support.

Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services

- Transitional Living Services (TLS) – United House

2014 Recommended: \$110,000

Transitional Living Services is being recommended for funding for the 24-unit supportive housing development known as United House, located at 2500 W. Center St. Cardinal Capital is the developer of United House and manages the property. These funds will allow TLS to provide on-site supportive services including peer specialists.

- Transitional Living Services (TLS) –Highland Commons

2014 Recommended: \$140,000

Transitional Living Services provides on-site support services at Highland Commons, a 50 unit permanent supportive housing development in West Allis for consumers receiving services through the Behavioral Health Division (BHD). This is the County's first supportive housing development to be located outside the City of Milwaukee.

Shelter Plus Care Supportive Services

- Community Advocates

2014 Recommended: \$ 166,396

Guest House, Inc.

2014 Recommended: \$ 130,913

Community Advocates and Guest House provide case management services for individuals enrolled in Milwaukee County's Shelter Plus Care program. Milwaukee County receives rental assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is a HUD requirement that Milwaukee County ensures that consumers receive permanent case management in Shelter Plus Care.

Housing Development Support Services

- Our Space, Inc.

2014 Recommended: \$ 363,683

Our Space provides on-site supportive services at Empowerment Village-National, Empowerment Village- Lincoln, Farwell Studios, and the Fardale supportive apartment program. These permanent supportive programs developments consist of 122 units for consumers receiving

services through the Behavioral Health Division (BHD). This contract includes funds for its successful peer specialist model. This is an increase for Our Space as they were selected through an RFP process for Farwell Studios in 2013.

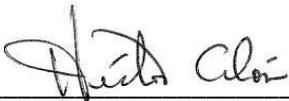
Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to enter into 2014 purchase of service contracts with the agencies as described above and enumerated in the accompanying resolution.

Fiscal Effect

The 2014 Budget includes \$2,320,337 in funding to support these 2014 POS contracts for the Housing Division. A fiscal note form is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



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