

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: May 30, 2014

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Peggy Romo-West, Chairwoman, Health and Human Needs

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 2014 purchase of service contract with Running Rebels Community Organization in the amount of \$51,000 from \$1,625,944 to \$1,676,944 for the Delinquency and Court Services Division**

Issue

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to enter into a 2014 purchase of service (POS) contract in excess of \$300,000 with the Running Rebels Community Organization.

Background

In December 2013, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a 2014 contract with the Running Rebels Community Organization (RRCO) in an amount of \$1,625,944 to provide Targeted Monitoring Services for up to 121 youth per day. This contract is primarily funded by revenue from the State Department of Corrections -Youth Aids, along with funding from the Juvenile Justice Accountability Block Grant (JABG).

Discussion

The RRCO provides Targeted Monitoring Services to youth who are on an order of supervision as an alternative to an out-of-home placement or placement in the Department of Corrections. The majority of the youth are moderate to high risk for re-offense per the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI), a validated risk assessment tool utilized by DCSD to assess the risk level of youth. The Targeted Monitoring Program includes the Serious Chronic Offenders Program, Firearm Program, and the Milwaukee County Accountability Program (MCAP). The Firearm Project serves youth who are referred to the juvenile justice system for involvement with a firearm. The Serious Chronic Offender Program targets youth determined to be higher risk due to either the severity of their behavior or the reoccurrence of behaviors.

MCAP, which was established in September 2013, is designed as a local, community-oriented, safe, and cost-effective alternative to incarcerating youth at the Department of Corrections

Lincoln Hills facility. MCAP has operated at full capacity (12 youth) in secure detention since inception. The Targeted Monitoring Program includes monitoring in the form of school visits, home visits, calling schedule, and curfew checks. The level of monitoring varies according to the program phase.

The Targeted Monitoring Program has been operating at full capacity with 121 youth since 2013 with a wait list for enrollment. DCSD requires flexibility to timely serve the volume of youth that the justice system deems appropriate for the Running Rebels Targeted Monitoring in 2014.

It is the intent of DCSD to increase the 2014 purchase of service contract with the RRCO by \$51,000 to allow for an additional six slots in the Targeted Monitoring Program to bring the total to 127 slots. This will help alleviate the issue of a wait list and allow youth to start participation in the program as soon as possible.

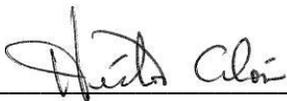
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to increase the purchase of service contract with the Running Rebels Community Organization (RRCO), in the amount of \$51,000 to \$1,676,944. The contract amendment would be effective retroactive to June 1, 2014 and run through December 31, 2014.

Fiscal Effect

The funds necessary for this amendment are included in the 2014 DCSD purchase of service budget so there is no tax levy effect. A fiscal note form is attached.

Respectfully,



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