

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Division Administration
Inter-Office Communication

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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 Amend the Professional Services Contract with the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Center for Applied Behavioral Health Research (CABHR) for Evaluation Services

Issue

Section 56.30 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires County Board approval for Professional Services Contracts of \$50,000 or greater. Per Section 56.30, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to amend the professional services contract of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Center for Applied Behavioral Health Research (CABHR) to establish this contract from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 for evaluation services for the Adult Drug Treatment Court grant.

Discussion

BHD was awarded a federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant in 2008 to create an Adult Drug Treatment Court (ADTC) in Milwaukee County to serve non-violent offenders with substance use disorders. This court is administered in collaboration between the Milwaukee County Circuit Court and BHD serving approximately 80 individuals on an annual basis. In October 2012, BHD received a continuation grant award from SAMHSA to expand the ADTC to serve Veterans including National Guard and Reservists as participants. ADTC 2.0 will increase the current capacity of the drug court to 100 individuals annually and place special emphasis on serving Veterans with enhanced trauma informed screening/assessment protocols for all participants. In addition, the continuation of medication assisted treatment through the use of injectable Naltrexone or Vivitrol will be made available to all participants who choose this therapy.

As the program moves into the final years of funding from this grant, it is imperative that the evaluation component required of the grant has an intensified focus on process improvement and outcome evaluation so that the program can move toward sustainability for the future. It is recommended that the evaluation services be contracted to the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Center for Applied Behavioral Health Research as it is the established evaluation provider for the ADTC and has been providing specialized evaluation services since the drug court's inception.

The evaluation component is fully funded and budgeted within the SAMHSA grant. The contract for evaluation services with the provider for the first ADTC grant cycle ended on September 30, 2012. As evaluation is a required component of the grant, it is being requested that this contract be approved for the existing evaluation vendor. This would ensure that there is no disruption in the evaluation services of this program.

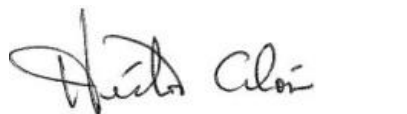
Fiscal Effect

The revenue received through the SAMHSA grant will cover the full cost of the evaluation services. There is no tax levy effect. A fiscal note form is attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to enter into a professional services contract with the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Center for Applied Behavioral Health Research for the time period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$65,000.

Respectfully Submitted,



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