

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 increase the Purchase of Services Contract with Milwaukee Mental Health Associates to administer a protective payee program for 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. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by resolution of the County Board. Per Section 46.09, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to increase the purchase of service contract with Milwaukee Mental Health Associates for protective payee services for clients in the Behavioral Health Division (BHD).

Discussion

BHD sponsors a protective payee program for clients that require assistance with financial management services to ensure that they have adequate resources throughout the entire month and the ability to learn money management skills to eventually assume these responsibilities. A payee is an individual or organization appointed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to receive Social Security and/or SSI benefits for someone who cannot manage or direct someone else to manage his or her money. The main responsibilities of a payee are to use the benefits to pay for the current and foreseeable needs of the client and properly save any benefits not needed to meet current needs. A payee acts on behalf of the client and is responsible for everything related to benefits that a capable beneficiary would do for himself or herself. SSA encourages payees to go beyond just managing finances and to be actively involved in the client's life. The payee has to document the services that they provide to a client and must also keep records of expenses. When SSA requests a report, a payee must provide an accounting to SSA of how benefits were used or saved.

Utilizing the results of the Targeted Case Management (TCM) request for proposal issued by the Department of Health and Human Services in July 2012; BHD is recommending Milwaukee Mental Health Associates (MMHA) as the agency to administer the protective payee program

sponsored by BHD. MMHA is also a Community Support Program (CSP) and TCM agency and has years of experience acting in the role of protective payee for many of the clients in both CSP and TCM that they operate.

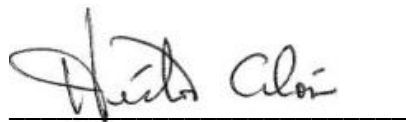
Fiscal Effect

Total funds of \$9,462 for this program will be allocated from the overall purchase of service funds in the 2013 budget. Funds for this service are included in the 2013 Budget therefore 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 increase the purchase of services contract with Milwaukee Mental Health Associates for protective payee program by \$9,462 for the time period of May 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,



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