

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: May 16, 2016

TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, and Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Kerry Mitchell, Director, Department of Human Resources

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: **From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to create one Community Intervention Specialist position in the Housing Division**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to create one Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) position of Community Intervention Specialist in the Housing Division. The position would support the Housing Division's Housing First Initiative and the County's Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

Background

The newly-created position would be responsible for assisting the Division in its homeless outreach efforts as well as linking new Housing First participants with case management services to ensure they are successful in their housing placements. This model has proven successful thus far for the Housing Division as there has not been one eviction to date out of the 145 individuals that have been placed since September 2015. The Housing Division will be stepping up its efforts more during the summer and will have additional rental subsidies available for homeless individuals and families and they will need immediate staff support.

Recommendation

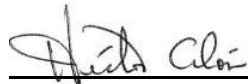
To assist the Housing Division in reaching its goal to end chronic homelessness, DHHS recommends the County Board authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to create the following position:

Position Description	Pay Range	FTE	2016 Fiscal Impact	Annual Impact
Create				
Community Intervention Specialist	24	1.00	\$26,644 (salary & SS) \$10,687 (active health & pension)	\$74,662
Total		1.00	\$37,331	\$74,662

Fiscal Impact

There is no tax levy impact associated with approval of this request. The Community Intervention Specialist position being requested would be funded by existing vacancies within the department. The fiscal impact assumes placement at the first step as of July 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted:



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