

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Supervisor Lee Holloway, Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Report from the Acting Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Authorization to Enter into 2012 Purchase of Service Contracts for the Management Services 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. Per Section 46.09, the Acting Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to enter into 2012 Purchase of Service Contracts with community vendors for the Management Services Division (MSD).

Background and Summary of 2012 Purchase-of-Service Contracts

DHHS traditionally has sought to maintain a social service delivery system comprised of both County provided and purchased services. Partnerships with community vendors have helped DHHS make use of available community resources and expertise in carrying out its mission.

For 2012, MSD proposes two Purchase of Service contracts with community vendors for critical services and programs. The recommended vendors have been performing the relevant service for Milwaukee County, first with the Economic Support Division for multiple years and for the past two years for the Management Services Division, and have met or exceeded contract specifications. The proposed contracts for 2012 are summarized below.

A) Interim Disability Assistance Program (IDAP) Recovery

DHHS recommends that Community Advocates continue to assist Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability (SSI/SSD) applicants who are applying for or currently receiving IDAP, which provides financial assistance to disabled persons while their SSI application is pending. This contract is level funded in 2012 with \$45,000 in Basic County Aids (BCA) revenue. This contract will no longer be provided by the State of Wisconsin due to the change of staff from the County to the State. However, other functions will continue and the

contract will be transferred to the Disability Services Division for management and implementation in 2012.

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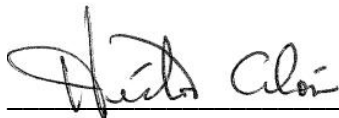
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B) Community Information Line (211)

DHHS recommends that the existing contract with Impact Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, Inc. (IMPACT) be continued for the 211 community information line. This contract provides 24-hour centralized information and referral service for residents seeking social services in Milwaukee County. The 2012 allocation from MSD DHHS and the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) is \$480,000, which reflects \$338,162 in tax levy, \$41,838 in Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) funding from MSD and \$100,000 from BHD AODA funds. This is the same level of funding as in 2011.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of the recommendations delineated above would have no additional tax levy impact beyond what has been allocated in MSD's 2012 budget. A fiscal note form is attached.



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