

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting retroactive authorization to enter into a building lease and exchange of services with Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital**

Policy

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is seeking County Board approval to enter into a contract in excess of \$300,000 with Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital (FMLH) for the exchange services and space related to the operation of the Communication Base for the Emergency Medical Services Program for a term of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018.

Background and Rationale

For the past 30 years, Milwaukee County has been operating the Emergency Medical Services Program (EMS) in conjunction with area municipalities. Until the mid 1990s, the EMS program operated as part of John L. Doyne Hospital and utilized various functions and services of the hospital in addition to performing various services for the hospital. In addition to providing administrative oversight of the program, the other major functions provided by John L. Doyne Hospital included the provision of space for the communication center, associated utilities and facility expenses and procurement of medical supplies and equipment used in the EMS program. The EMS program provided the hospital with paging and communication services for the emergency and trauma arena.

At the end of 1995, the County sold the assets of John L. Doyne Hospital to Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital and the administrative and management oversight of the EMS program became the responsibility of DHHS under the former Division of County Health Programs (CHP).

In 1998, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the execution of a five-year contract between the County and FMLH, which provided the basis for the establishment of a long-term relationship between the parties. The proposed contract for 2014-2018 continues the mutually

advantageous, long-term relationship between the County and FMLH regarding EMS operations.

The contract between the County and FMLH establishes firm and predictable costs associated with rent and expected services from FMLH related to the Communication Base, establishes authorization for equipment location within FMLH as well as access to that equipment, and provides for reimbursement to the County for services provided to FMLH by the Communication Base personnel. In addition, under the proposed contract, FMLH would continue to permit students involved in educational programs sponsored by the EMS program to have access to hospital programs and medical services for educational purposes, and the contract also would allow for the continued commitment of procurement for medical supplies and commodities for the EMS program from FMLH.

Under the terms of the contract for 2014, the County would make an annual payment to FMLH of \$79,310 for space, services and access, and actual costs plus a fixed percentage fee on medical supplies and commodities. FMLH will make an annual payment to the County of \$79,310 for paging and coordination of emergency medical services. The payments of both parties will increase to \$80,000 each year for the remainder of the contract term.

Although each annual payment is less than the \$300,000 threshold required by Wisconsin Act 14 for County Board approval, DHHS was advised by Corporation Counsel to seek approval given that the contract amount over the entire term exceeds \$300,000. The total contract amount for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018 reflects a total of \$399,310 for each agency. DHHS is seeking retroactive approval to January 1, 2014.

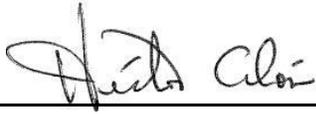
Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to execute a five-year contract retroactive to January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 with Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital for the exchange of services related to the operation of the EMS program and Communication Base located at FMLH.

Fiscal Impact

The 2014 Adopted Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services includes sufficient appropriations related to the provision of space and other services for the EMS Program to cover the expenditures provided for in the proposed contract. There is no tax levy impact. A fiscal note form is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



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