

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 19, 2016

TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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 retroactive authorization to enter into a 2016 Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and Human Services and the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections for the procurement of juvenile correctional services not to exceed the amount of \$15,228,580**

Issue

Departments must obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000. The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is therefore requesting authorization to sign a 2016 Memorandum of Understanding with the State Department of Corrections for the provision of juvenile justice services mandated by State law.

Background & Discussion

The Community Youth and Family Aids Program, commonly referred to as “Youth Aids,” is the state’s primary means of providing counties with direct assistance to fund the cost of services to juvenile delinquents. This revenue is used exclusively to fund costs in the DHHS Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD). Counties supplement their juvenile justice funding needs with Basic Community Aids, property tax levy and various grant revenues to fund the overall costs of the juvenile justice system.

As part of the State of Wisconsin 2015-2017 biennial budget bill, administrative and oversight responsibility for the community-based juvenile justice system transferred from the State Department of Corrections (DOC) to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) effective January 1, 2016. Among other changes, this also resulted in a change to the billing process for counties. Previously, DOC withheld part of each county's Youth Aids allocation. Instead, counties are now being billed directly by DOC for services and receiving the offsetting revenue through DCF.

Since January, DOC has been billing DCSD on a monthly basis for all Milwaukee County juveniles ordered and placed in their juvenile correctional facility located at Copper Lake School for girls and Lincoln Hills School for boys. This MOU sets the terms and conditions of this arrangement for 2016.

In May 2016, the County Board approved an appropriation transfer to adjust DCSD's budget to reflect this new billing practice.

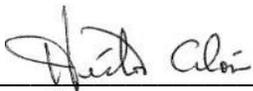
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to retroactively enter into a 2016 Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections for the placement of juveniles in the juvenile facility located at Copper Lake School/Lincoln Hills School in a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,228,580 for the dates of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of this MOU has no tax levy impact. A fiscal note form is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



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