

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 14, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Executive Director, DHHS

Subject: A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend **2025** fee-for-service contracts with community vendors for Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS)

File Type: Action File

REQUEST

The Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to amend **2025** fee-for-service contracts for Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) within DHHS.

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute these contracts consistent with Milwaukee County procurement standards.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.52(31)
Milwaukee County General Ordinances	Ch. 32.40

BACKGROUND

Since 1970, DHHS has supported a social service delivery system comprised of both directly provided and purchased services. DHHS has partnerships with community members and partners that have allowed DHHS to cooperate and collaborate with various community stakeholders. These partnerships further the opportunities for community participation in responding to a youth's behaviors and needs, as well as community safety and are in alignment with the development of the youth justice continuum of care. These collaborations also support DHHS's mission and vision for all kids and families across Milwaukee County.

The fee-for-service contracts listed below are for out-of-home placements, to include group homes and residential treatment centers (RTC), for kids who are court ordered there. CYFS is mandated to follow court orders and secure contracts for these placements for kids served in the justice system. The following out-of-home care contracts are being proposed to be

amended by CYFS for the time period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to ensure there are enough funds allocated in the contracts for all kids being served in each program.

Service	Provider	2025 Allocation	2025 Proposed Amendment	2025 Amended Contract
Group Home	Willie Hopgood Social Services LLC dba Hopgood Youth Home	\$250,000	\$100,000	\$350,000
Group Home	New Hope & Destiny Home	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$400,000
Group Home	Men of Men, Inc.	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
	Total	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$1,250,000

Service	Provider	2025 Allocation	2025 Proposed Amendment	2025 Amended Contract
RTC	Norris, Inc.	\$600,000	\$650,000	\$1,250,000
RTC	Lad Lake, Inc.	\$2,100,000	\$1,900,000	\$4,000,000
RTC	Rawhide, Inc.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
RTC	Wisconsin Community Services-Bakari	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
RTC	St. Charles Youth & Family Services	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000
	Total	\$5,200,000	\$6,550,000	\$11,750,000

The following fee-for-service agreement is for clinical services to be provided to kids who are in the community pending court or on an order of supervision. The contract is requested to be amended to ensure adequate funding is allocated in the contract to serve kids through the end of 2025 and the contract is for the time period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Service	Provider	2025 Allocation	2025 Proposed Amendment	2025 Amended Contract
Clinical	MD Therapy	\$99,000	\$21,000	\$120,000

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The CYFS is recommending contracts that support the ongoing development of community-based programming for children, youth and their families served across CYFS and ensures a racial equity lens is utilized in all program and contract decisions. The CYFS programs enhance the quality of life for youth and their families in Milwaukee County. There are ongoing efforts to reform the youth justice system in Milwaukee County to build upon the community continuum of care, individualize all case planning and services for youth in the community whenever possible and break down the silos in the system across all entities. The CYFS is committed to transition youth out of correctional placements and back to Milwaukee by leveraging resources for the zero-youth corrections plan to better support young people and their families.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to amend the fee-for-service contracts in a total amount of \$7,071,000 for the services identified in the accompanying resolution. The effective date of the contracts would be the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

FISCAL EFFECT

The 2025 DHHS Budget includes funding for these fee-for-service contracts. At this time, the fiscal projection for CYFS anticipates absorbing this increased out-of-home care cost within the existing 2025 budget due to savings from lower DOC correctional placements and reduced cost of placements at Mendota, Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake. A fiscal note is attached.

TERMS

The purchase of service contracts would be effective January 1, 2025, to December 31,

2025.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator
Clare O'Brien, DHHS Budget & Policy Director

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APPROVED BY:

Shakita LaGrant-McClain
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None

cc: County Executive David Crowley
Hon. Carl Ashley, Chief Judge
Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office