

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: July 12, 2021

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

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a 2021 purchase of service contract for Sirona Recovery, Inc. to operate the Pathways to Permanent Housing Program through December 31, 2021 for consideration under passive review

File Type: Passive Review

**REQUEST**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization for DHHS to enter into a purchase of service contract with Sirona Recovery, Inc. to operate the Pathways to Permanent Housing for consideration under passive review.

**POLICY**

Wisconsin State Statutes	SECTION 16. 59.52(31)
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**BACKGROUND**

Until June 30, 2021, Guest House of Milwaukee had been operating the Pathways to Permanent Housing Program, which is a 27-unit, intensive housing program for 27 chronically homeless individuals. The goal of this program is to quickly transition individuals living on the street into permanent housing with services.

Earlier this year, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for this contract. At the time, it was assumed a new vendor would be chosen on or around April 1. For this reason, DHHS recommended, and the County Board approved, a four-month contract with Guest House from January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021 in the amount of \$167,500 (File 20-876) to continue services. Due to the ongoing RFP process, the contract was extended again to June 30, 2021 with an amendment for \$204,695 under File 21-424 for a total contract of \$372,195.

The contract with Guest House ended on June 30, 2021 and the contract award to the new vendor is now under appeal. In order to maintain continuity of services and avoid closing down the program, DHHS entered into an emergency purchase of service contract with Sirona

Recovery, Inc. for \$99,999, from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. There is \$197,806 in remaining funds for this program and DHHS is requesting that this amount be added to the Sirona contract to support services from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for a total contract amount of \$297,805.

	<b>2021 Contract</b>	<b>2021 Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Total Adjusted Contract</b>
<b>Agency</b>			
Sirona Recovery, Inc.	\$99,999	\$197,806	\$297,805

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This contract is critical to ensuring continuity of services to the people we serve and this aligns with the strategic plan which is focused on how services get delivered to advance health equity.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

There is no tax levy impact. The 2021 DHHS Adopted Budget includes the funding for the Pathways to Permanent Housing Program.

**TERMS**

The purchase of service contract would be effective starting July 1, 2021 and end December 31, 2021.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director  
Jim Mathy, Housing Administrator  
Clare O'Brien, DHHS Budget & Operations Manager

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*Shakita LaGrant-McClain*  
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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