

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**Behavioral Health Division Administration**  
**Inter-Office Communication**

**DATE:** October 17, 2013

**TO:** Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairperson – Milwaukee County Board

**FROM:** Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
*Prepared by Jim Kubicek, Interim Administrator, Behavioral Health Division*

**SUBJECT: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Authorization to Increase the Purchase of Services Contracts with Project Access, Inc., and Wisconsin Community Services for the Community Support Programs in the Behavioral Health 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. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by resolution of the County Board. Per Section 46.09, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to increase the existing purchase of services contracts with Project Access, Inc., and Wisconsin Community Services for the Community Support Programs (CSP) in the Behavioral Health Division (BHD).

**Discussion**

Earlier this month, the Community Services Branch (CSB) in BHD received over 30 referrals for mental health community-based placements from BHD's inpatient hospital as well as other community-based agencies. This volume was an anomaly since community services does not traditionally receive that many referrals in such a short period of time.

Of the 30 referrals received, 18 were for CSP services. Currently, BHD does not have slot capacity to place these 18 individuals into the CSP because maximum capacity has been achieved even after utilization review was completed. BHD is requesting an increase in the budgeted capacity by 20 additional slots, or two caseloads, to place these individuals in their needed level of care.

The department purchased additional CSP services from two existing providers to ensure continuity of care and prevent decompensation in the individuals being referred. BHD is requesting retroactive contract amendments with the following two existing providers: Project Access, Inc., and Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) in an amount of \$10,000 to each agency and a total cost of \$20,000 starting October 16, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

The requested amendment of \$10,000 for Project Access, Inc., increases their total agency contract to \$462,836. The requested amendment of \$10,000 for Wisconsin Community Services increases their total agency contract to \$1,946,529.

BHD continues to oversee these contracts to ensure that Project Access and WCS adhere to the performance measures and contract administration requirements and oversight currently included in all purchase of services contracts with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

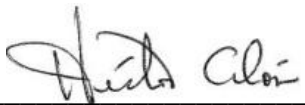
**Fiscal Effect**

A fiscal note is attached.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to retroactively amend the existing purchase of services contracts with Project Access, Inc., and Wisconsin Community Services by \$10,000 each for CSP expansion to address the wait list for the time period of October 16, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,



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