

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-office Memorandum

DATE: October 2, 2020

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

FROM: Shakita LaGrant, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend a 2020 purchase of service contract with the Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI) by \$52,190 to provide homeless case management services within the Housing Division**

Background

Through the 2020 budget process, the Milwaukee County Board included funding for case management services for those facing homelessness and who were participating in the Housing Division's Housing First Initiative. For 2020, a contract with Community Advocates was executed to provide this service under File No. 19-883 in December 2019. The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization for DHHS to amend a purchase of service contract with MCFI which is assuming responsibility for case management services from Community Advocates. The amount to be transferred to MCFI is \$52,190.

Discussion

Community Advocates has decided to transition the majority of its service provision to homeless outreach. To avoid an interruption in services, Community Advocates worked with the Housing Division and MCFI to successfully move 100 percent of its consumers to MCFI case management. The continuity of services is needed to maintain quality, consistent case management for our formerly homeless consumers now living in supportive housing. Case management is a key component in the service continuum and directly impacts the housing retention rates of our consumers. Preventing a reoccurrence of homelessness is a central focus of our case management providers. Currently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever that services remain in place to keep our consumers off the streets.

MCFI's original case management contract executed in February 2020 reflected an amount of \$57,500. In June, an amendment was completed for \$41,500 which increased the contract to \$99,000 to begin the transition of cases from Community Advocates to MCFI. The proposed amount of \$52,190 would now increase MCFI's total contract to \$151,190.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to amend a purchase of service contract for the Milwaukee Center for Independence by \$52,190 for a total contract of \$151,190 for the provision of homeless case management services.

Provider	2020 Contract	2020 Amendment	2020 Adjusted Contract
Milwaukee Center for Independence	\$99,000	\$52,190	\$151,190

Fiscal Effect

The 2020 Budget includes funding for this contract so there is no fiscal effect. A fiscal note form is attached.



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