

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 24, 2022

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 execute contract amendments for the Birth to Three Program in Children Youth and Family Services (CYFS)

File Type: Action

POLICY

Per Wis. Stat. § 59.52(31), the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to execute amendments to three purchase of service contracts in Children Youth and Family Service (CYFS) Birth to Three program.

Funding to support these contract amendments is being re-allocated from a contract with a provider that is no longer providing the services.

Wisconsin State Statutes	59.52(31)
Federal Code	20 U.S.C. 1412

BACKGROUND

The Birth to 3 Program, authorized under Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), supports children with developmental delays or disabilities under the age of three and their families. The program is a federal entitlement which utilizes state, federal, and local funds to enhance the development of children with developmental disabilities, minimizes the need for special education, and decreases rates of institutionalization. Counties are responsible for administering the program based on state and federal guidelines. Specific county responsibilities include establishing a comprehensive system to identify, locate, and evaluate children who may be eligible for the program. The services provided to children may include screening and evaluation, health services, family education services, communication services, occupational, speech and physical therapy and case management.

In 2022, Birth to Three contracts were executed with four community-based agencies, Curative Care, Milwaukee Center for Independence, St. Francis Children's Center and Penfield Children's Center to serve children across Milwaukee County for a total of \$4,525,106 (File 21-

1021). In January of 2022, Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI) sent notification to DHHS that it planned to terminate its Birth to 3 contract. At that time, DHHS initiated a transition plan with MCFI and the other three contracted agencies to ensure a smooth adjustment for the children and families being served by MCFI. Of the 185 families that were served by MCFI, 132 were transferred to the other three agencies and 53 families chose to discontinue their services. The families that chose to discontinue the services made the decision based on either their child(ren) turning three years old and would no longer be eligible for the services or they chose not to continue services for their own individual reasons.

Contract Increase Requests

The CYFS is requesting contract increases for three community-based agencies to operate the Birth to Three program in Milwaukee County. The \$344,827 in funding is being reallocated from a decrease in the MCFI contract that was ended in May 2022.

Service	Provider	2022 Contract	Recommended Adjustment	2022 Adjusted Contract
Birth to 3 Early Intervention	Curative Care Network	\$2,079,218	\$60,084	\$2,139,302
Birth to 3 Early Intervention	Milwaukee Center for Independence	\$517,241	(\$344,827)	\$172,414
Birth to 3 Early Intervention	Penfield Children’s Center	\$1,382,394	\$161,964	\$1,544,358
Birth to 3 Early Intervention	St. Francis Children’s Center	\$546,253	\$122,779	\$669,032
	Subtotal	\$4,525,106	\$0	\$4,525,106

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no impact on the operating budget within CYFS due to the funding be reallocated from within the program.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or her designee, to amend the 2022 purchase of service contracts in the amounts specified in the attached resolution.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The CYFS is recommending contracts that support the ongoing development of community-based programming for children, youth and their families and ensures a racial equity lens is utilized in all program and contract decisions. The CYFS programs enhance the quality of life for children and their families in Milwaukee County.

TERMS

The terms of the contract amendments would be May 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director
Kelly Pethke, CYFS Interim Administrator

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Kelly Pethke, Interim Administrator

APPROVED BY:


Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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