

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Héctor Colón, 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 increase the 2016 Purchase of Service Contract with Southwest Key in the amount of \$150,785, from \$956,535 to \$1,107,320, for the Delinquency and Court Services Division**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to increase the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) 2016 Purchase of Service (POS) contract with Southwest Key.

Background

In December 2015, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a 2016 POS contract with Southwest Key for \$956,535 to provide Level II Monitoring with optional Global Positioning System (GPS) for up to 81 youth at one time. This contract is primarily funded by revenue from the Department of Children and Families-Youth Aids.

Discussion

Southwest Key provides Level II in-home monitoring for primarily pre-dispositional youth who are pending a delinquency petition as an alternative to secure detention. The youth referred to this program are alleged delinquent who are not an immediate risk to the community but need additional support and supervision in the community. Youth are screened for risk of re-offense using a validated tool called the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI). The goal of this program is to ensure that youth appear at their scheduled court hearings while preventing acts of delinquency and support the youth and their families in the community. Level II includes monitoring and face-to-face contact with the youth at home, school and in the community along with telephone calls and curfew checks. Youth also participate in various group sessions to address their needs and provide support.

In addition, Level II includes the optional use of GPS which is a 24-hour electronic monitoring system on high-risk youth. Judiciary has utilized the Level II with GPS monitoring program on an increasing basis throughout the past six months and this program has served an increasing number of post-dispositional youth as well. DCSD encourages the use of Level II in lieu of youth

being in detention or sent to the Department of Juvenile Corrections. In 2015, Southwest Key's Level II contract was increased to \$956,535 for a total of 81 slots and the Level II program has been operating at full capacity for the past few months and often times above capacity, resulting in an overflow of youth and payments. DCSD requires flexibility to timely serve the volume of youth that the juvenile court deems appropriate for the Southwest Key Level II program in 2016.

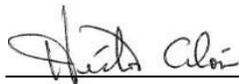
The contract amendment of \$150,785 would provide for 10 additional slots in the Level II Program for a total of 91 slots. This will help alleviate the issue of overflow and the potential wait list as well as allow youth to participate in the program as soon as possible.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to increase the purchase of service contract with Southwest Key in the amount of \$150,735 to \$1,107,320. The contract amendment would be effective for the period of May 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed purchase of service contract reflects total expenditures of \$1,107,320. This amount reflects a \$150,735 increase from the original 2016 contract. Sufficient funds are included in the 2016 DCSD purchase of service budget to cover these costs. A fiscal note form is attached.



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