

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: July 1, 2016

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 purchase of service contracts with Southwest Key in the amount of \$54,709, from \$2,432,213 to \$2,486,922, and St. Charles in the amount of \$123,485, from \$2,942,436 to \$3,065,921, for the Delinquency and Court Services Division**

Issue

County Board approval is required for contracts with a value of more than \$300,000 per Ch. 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes. 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) Level II contracts with Southwest Key and St. Charles.

Background

In December 2015, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved 2016 POS contracts with Southwest Key and St. Charles to provide a variety of youth services for DCSD including Level II Monitoring with optional GPS for youth. In May 2016, the County Board further approved a contract amendment with Southwest Key for an additional 10 slots for Level II Monitoring. These contracts are primarily funded by Youth Aids revenue from the Department of Children and Families.

Discussion

Southwest Key and St. Charles provide 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 and not deemed to be an immediate risk 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 providing support to 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. For higher risk youth, Level II also includes the optional use of Global Positioning System (GPS) which is a 24-hour electronic monitoring system.

The judiciary has utilized the Level II with GPS monitoring program on an increasing basis throughout the past eight months and this program has also served an increasing number of post-dispositional youth. The Level II Monitoring Program provides an option to detention or placement to the Department of Juvenile Corrections. The current Level II contracts include a 24-hour GPS system monitoring but there has been an increased need to have staff available 24 hours to respond in person to GPS violations.

The contract amendments will enable each agency to have staff available 24 hours per day. These staff will be responsible for following up with all youth on GPS monitoring who have tampered with the GPS bracelet, leave their assigned area or have a critical/low battery alert.

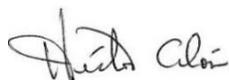
It is the intent of DCSD to amend the 2016 Purchase of Service Contract with Southwest Key for an additional \$54,709 and St. Charles for an additional \$123,485 to allow for the 24-hour GPS supervision coverage for all of the Level II Programs. This will help alleviate the issue of response time and accountability for youth on GPS monitoring.

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 \$54,709, from \$2,432,213 to \$2,486,922, and St. Charles in the amount of \$123,485, from \$2,942,436 to \$3,065,921. The contract amendment would be effective for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Fiscal Impact

The amendments together reflect a total expenditure increase of \$178,194. There is no tax levy impact associated with approval of this request in 2016 as funds sufficient to cover this expenditure are included as part of DCSD's 2016 Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.



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