

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: March 3, 2025

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

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting passive review of an amendment to one professional services contract that exceed \$100,000 but are less than \$300,000

File Type: Passive Review Report

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting passive review of a professional services contract amendment with Amergis in the amount of \$11,560 increasing the 2024 contract from \$137,000 to \$148,560.

POLICY

Per §59.52(31), the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting passive review authorization to execute an amendment to one professional services contract.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	Wis. Stat. §59.52(31),
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BACKGROUND

The Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) has a 2024 Professional Services Agreement with Amergis (formerly Maxim Healthcare Staffing) to provide healthcare related staffing for the Vel R. Phillips youth detention center. The contract allows for one full time Registered Nurse (RN) who works to fill gaps for Milwaukee County staff on leave on a temporary basis, as well as provides for an additional RN that has specialized skills and experience that cannot be addressed with current internal staffing.

There has been an increase in the number of kids in secure care that have high medical needs, to include injuries sustained from auto related accident and gun shots. There are kids who are court ordered to detention that have significant medical needs and the Amergis RN provides the needed medical care and oversight required for the youth. The actual costs will depend on the time in which the youth is in secure care and other youth

who may come into secure care with higher level of medical needs. CYFS is mandated to provide for the necessary medical care of all youth while in custody, per Chapter DOC 346.23, and all youth in care are court ordered to be there.

The original 2024 contract was for \$99,000 and had been spent down as of October 2024. The request for an additional \$38,000 was made in the December 2024 board cycle, for a total 2024 contract amount of \$137,000. Amergis had additional unexpected costs related to an additional position need within the youth detention center and therefore exceeded the contracted amount in December 2024. The request for an additional \$11,560 is to cover all of the 2024 expenses for this service in the youth detention center for a total contract amount of \$148,560. DHHS can offset the costs of the additional service funding with youth aids revenue in 2024.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This program is aligned to Milwaukee County's strategic plan and supports Strategy 2A Bridge the Gap by delivering services based on the resolution of health disparities. It will apply a health equity lens by recruiting participants from communities with limited English-speaking proficiency, under- or uninsured communities, communities with transportation limitations, and communities with other inequities in the social determinants of health. This program is also aligned with the DHHS strategy of coordinating care and managing human service needs for individuals by addressing the root causes of those needs.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

The contract is effective from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Hon. Karl Ashley, Chief Judge
Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office