

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

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TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
(Prepared by B. Thomas Wanta, Administrator/ Chief Intake Officer – DCSD)

SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to increase the 2013 purchase of services contract with the Running Rebels Community Organization in the amount of \$100,000 from \$1,525,944 to \$1,625,944**

Issue

Section 46.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires County Board approval for the purchase of human services from nongovernmental vendors. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by resolution of the County Board. Per section 46.09, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to increase the Delinquency and Court Services Division's (DCSD) 2013 purchase of services (POS) contract with Running Rebels Community Organization.

Background

In December 2012, DHHS recommended, and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved, a 2013 POS with Running Rebels Community Organization (RRCO), in the amount of \$1,525,944. This contract provides targeted monitoring services for up to 109 youth per day and is primarily funded by revenue from the State Department of Corrections - Youth Aids.

Discussion

The Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) has identified targeted monitoring services as a key component of the recently established (9-1-13) Milwaukee County Accountability Program (MCAP), which is designed as a local, community-oriented, safe, and cost-effective alternative to incarcerating youth at the State-run Lincoln Hills facility.

The Running Rebels Community Organization provides targeted monitoring services to youth in MCAP while in detention, during home passes, and when youth are placed back home in the community (in the form of school visits, home visits, calling schedule, and curfew checks). The level of monitoring varies according to the program phase.

MCAP has run at full capacity (12 youth) in secure detention since inception. The Targeted Monitoring Program is also operating at full capacity.

In order to successfully serve the volume of youth recommended by the judicial system for the MCAP program and the Running Rebels Targeted Monitoring in 2013, DCSD is seeking to increase the Running Rebels contract. It is the intent of DCSD to amend the 2013 Purchase of services contract with the Running Rebels Community Organization in two increments of \$50,000 to allow DCSD to monitor the expansion of service without immediately committing the full \$100,000. This would allow for flexibility if utilization trends change.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to increase the purchase of services contract with the Running Rebels Community Organization (RRCO), in an amount of \$100,000 to \$1,625,944. The contract amendment would be effective for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Fiscal Effect

The necessary funding is included in the 2013 DCSD purchase of services budget, therefore, there is no tax levy effect. A fiscal note form is attached.

Respectfully,



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