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To: Chairperson Marina Dimitrijevic, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Jeffery A. Kremers, Chief Judge First Judicial District
John Barrett, Clerk of Circuit Court
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RE: Milwaukee County Family Drug Treatment Court (FDTC)

Request

The Chief Judge and the Clerk of Circuit Court are requesting authorization to accept one time funding from the DCF-Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare, in the amount of \$75,000 and to carry-over unspent funding from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the amount of \$71,326 to continue the Milwaukee County Family Drug Treatment Court through September 30, 2015. In addition, we are requesting that this report be placed on the next agenda for the following committees: **Judiciary, Safety and General Services**; Finance Personal and Audit; and, Health and Human Needs.

Background

On October 24, 2011, File No. 11-406, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors did authorize the Chief Judge to accept a three year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), in the amount of \$650,000 to implement the Milwaukee County Family Drug Treatment Court in October of 2011. Unspent funds in the amount of \$71,326 are being carried over through September 30, 2015. Based on the success of the program, the DCF-Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare has allocated \$75,000 to continue the FDTC program through September 30, 2015.

The \$75,000 one time funding will be used to extend the contract with Rebecca Foley, the FDTC Coordinator in the amount of \$69,002, which includes stipends for parent participants; \$1,500 to extend the contract with Meta House for the peer mentor facilitator; and \$4,498 for oral drug tests. The \$71,326 will be used to extend the contract with IMPACT for the program evaluation in the amount of \$10,600 and increase funding to Wlser Choice in the amount of \$60,726 to fund housing services for participants.

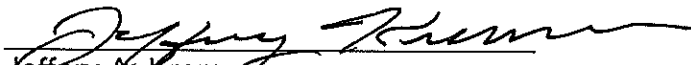
FDTC was developed by the Milwaukee County Children's Court, Behavioral Health Division (BHD), District Attorney's Office, and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare in an effort to improve timely and effective identification, assessment and treatment of parents whose substance abuse has resulted in placement of their child(ren) in out of home care.

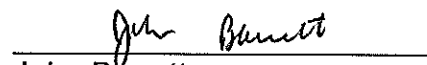
The FDTC targets parents and legal guardians of children with a priority on new emergency detentions where the precipitating factor for the removal of the child(ren) was the parent's AODA issues. FDTC is a voluntary program involving families whose children have been deemed in need of protection and services and are under the jurisdiction of the court. This is a four-phase program that not only focuses on sobriety, but permanency for children. Since the FDTC inception in October of 2011, the program has served 133 parents and 235 children. Participants can be in the FDTC for up to two years.

Fiscal Impact

Increase of \$32,945 for the remainder of 2014 in operating expenditures in Org. unit 2865 for the period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. These expenditures will be offset by an increase of \$15,177 in State revenues from DCF-Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare and an increase of \$17,768 in revenues from OJJDP. Revenues will be used to fund Rebecca Foley, the FDTC Coordinator (\$17,378), and Meta House (\$390). Unspent OJJDP funds will be used to offset housing services through Wiser Choice (\$15,177). The remaining \$113,381 in revenues will be reflected in the 2015 budget. No tax payer funds are being requested through September 30, 2015.

Sincerely,


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