

MILWAUKEE COUNTY
Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: November 21, 2014

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, 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 enter into a 2015 professional services contract for Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to execute a professional services contract in 2015 for medical control services within the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program.

Background

The 2015 Budget transfers the EMS Program from DHHS to a new Department of Emergency Management. However, given the critical nature of the medical control contract and to avoid disruption in service, the DHHS Director is bringing this contract forward for approval at this time.

The County has been the coordinator and provider of Emergency Medical Services throughout the County for over 40 years and has administered and coordinated those services through its hospital facilities. The County obtained medical services for its hospital operations, including the EMS Program from the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) since the inception and creation of the EMS Program.

In addition, with the sale and transfer of the County's hospital to Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital ("Froedtert") in 1995, the need for the medical control and the services of a medical director is mandated by the State of Wisconsin administrative rules. This requirement is satisfied through contractual arrangements with MCW. The County and MCW's desire to continue a contractual relationship which provides stability to the EMS system allows for long-term planning and development of the EMS system.

The department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for medical director services in the fall of 2013 and the only vendor that submitted a proposal was the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Although the existing contract was approved with a term of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018, the Comptroller's Office has advised in a memo dated September 25, 2014, that funds from a future budget year cannot be obligated without County Board approval. Therefore, the department is bringing this contract before the County Board at this time.

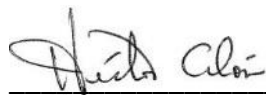
The annual cost of the contract is \$283,900 each year and is consistent with the 2015 Budget.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to execute the professional service agreement for medical control as identified in this report and for the amount and terms enumerated in the attached resolution.

Fiscal Effect

The total recommended contract amount of \$283,900 is consistent with the 2015 Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.



Héctor Colón, Director

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