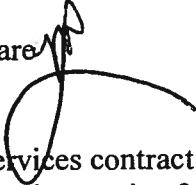


**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: November 21, 2011

TO: Supervisor Lee Holloway, Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Peggy Romo-West, Chair, Committee on Health and Human Needs
Supervisor Johnny L. Thomas, Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit

FROM: Maria Ledger, Director, Department of Family Care 

SUBJECT: Request authorization to execute a professional services contract for medical consultant services to be provided in 2011 with vendor service fees not to exceed prorated portion of \$100,000.00 in 2011 and to renew for one additional year, 2012, upon satisfactory performance and at the sole discretion of the DFC Director upon the same terms and conditions.

I respectfully request that the attached resolution be scheduled for consideration by the Committee on Health and Human Needs at its meeting on December 7, 2011.

MCDFC operates a managed care organization in accordance with the Health and Community Supports Contract between Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services. In addition to other requirements of the Health and Community Supports Contract, MCDFC is responsible for providing those services in the Family Care benefit package that are medically necessary. MCDFC is required to provide covered services and coordinate non-covered Medical Assistance service, including acute and primary care to all enrolled members.

MCDFC is charged with the responsibility of determining the most cost-effective services necessary to support the health and safety of members enrolled in the Managed Care Organization (MCO) operated by MCDFC. MCDFC will benefit from the services of a medical consultant to develop and oversee practice guidelines that ensure delivery of care consistent with contemporary clinical and economic standards. The medical consultant can provide support, guidance and clinical oversight to care managers and nurses responsible for authorization and coordination of services to members enrolled in MCDFC's managed care organization.

The Medical College of Wisconsin can provide valuable assistance in identifying a licensed and experienced physician capable of providing the necessary services to support the continued successful operation of MCDFC and the cost-effective management of service utilization on behalf of members.

The Milwaukee County Department of Family Care requests authority to negotiate and execute a professional services contract in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with a properly qualified physician to serve as Medical Consultant to the Department of Family Care beginning in 2011. Medical Consultant services shall be performed under the direct supervision of the Department of Family Care Director or her designee. The Director of the Department of Family Care requests authority to extend this agreement for one additional year (calendar year 2012) upon the same terms and conditions without need for further action of the Board. This professional services contract is contingent upon continued funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for administration and delivery of the Family Care benefit by the Department of Family Care and County Board authorization for continued participation by the Department of Family Care as a Managed Care Organization (MCO) during the term of this agreement and renewal, if any, for 2012,

If you have questions concerning the proposed professional services contract between MCDFC and the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, please contact Maria Ledger at 287-7610.

Attachment

Cc:

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