

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: April 16, 2015

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

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: **From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to increase the 2015 purchase of service contract between the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) and St. Charles Youth and Family Services to meet the need of female shelter care placement**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to enter into 2015 purchase of service contracts for the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD).

Background

Since 1970, DHHS has supported a social service delivery system comprised of both directly provided and purchased services using a combination of State, grant and local tax funds. Partnerships with community providers have allowed DHHS to cooperate and collaborate with various community agencies and resources. These partnerships further the opportunities for community participation, leverage resources and utilize community expertise regarding the DCSD community response to delinquency.

The DHHS Director intends to increase the purchase of service contract with St. Charles Youth and Family Services by an amount not to exceed \$430,915 to include female specific shelter care placement. St. Charles Youth and Family Services currently provides male specific shelter care placement services for DCSD.

Discussion

Shelter Care provides short-term (typically 30 days), non-secure, 24-hour supervised care and residential programming to youth. The program primarily serves youth pending court for alleged delinquency as an alternative to secure detention placement. Other youth involved in Juvenile Justice Center matters may be placed in Shelter Care at the discretion of either the DCSD or the Children's Court. The program capacity is 22 males and 10 females on a given day. Males and females reside in individual rooms in separate facilities and receive separate programming.

This service was included in the RFP process for 2015 contracts and applicants submitting eligible proposals included New Horizon Center, Inc. and St. Charles Youth and Family Services. A panel including community members and a member of DHHS contract administration staff reviewed and scored the proposals. New Horizon Center, Inc. was awarded the DCSD contract to provide female

specific shelter care services in 2015. St. Charles Youth and Family Services was awarded the DCSD contract to provide male specific shelter care services in 2015.


On March 31st 2015 correspondence was sent from Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel indicating a 45 day notice to terminate the existing contract between DCSD and New Horizon Center, Inc., effective May 15, 2015, based on failure to meet contract terms.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to execute an amended purchase of service contract for an amount up to \$1,653,371 with St. Charles Youth and Family Services to expand their shelter care services to include girl specific shelter care placements for the time period of May 1 through December 31, 2015 to meet the female specific shelter care placement need. Approval of the recommended contract allocation via the attached resolution will allow for the continued provision of community-based services that provide effective interventions for youth being served by the Delinquency and Court Services Division.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed purchase of service contract reflects total expenditures of \$1,653,371. This amount reflects a \$430,915 increase from the original 2015 contract. Sufficient funds have been allocated in the 2015 Budget to cover these costs. A fiscal note form is attached.



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