

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

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**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 State/County contract for Community Youth and Family Aids for 2015 and to accept \$36,014,748 for State Corrections Charges and Community Based Services

**ISSUE**

Section 301.031 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires counties to execute an annual contract with the State Department of Corrections (DOC) for the “Community Youth and Family Aids Program.” This program provides State funding for County services to juvenile offenders as mandated by State and/or Federal law.

Departments must obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000. The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is therefore requesting authorization to sign the 2015 contract with the State DOC for the provision of juvenile justice services mandated by State law. The County cannot receive 2015 revenue from the State until this contract is signed.

**BACKGROUND**

The Community Youth and Family Aids Program, commonly referred to as “Youth Aids,” is the State’s primary means of providing counties with direct assistance to fund the cost of services to juvenile delinquents. This revenue is used exclusively to fund costs in the DHHS Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD). Counties supplement their juvenile justice funding needs with Basic Community Aids, property tax levy and various grant revenues to fund the overall costs of the juvenile justice system.

On November 24, 2014, DHHS received the actual 2015 contract from DOC for Youth Aids. The State’s 2015 contract will provide Milwaukee County with \$36,014,748 of Youth Aids funding (excluding the DHHS estimate of Corrective Sanctions funding - see Attachment 1).

### *Youth Aids Revenue*

The State contract allocation consists of three components: 1) the annual State budget amount allocated by several formulae; 2) any surplus amount from “over-charging” counties during the prior State fiscal year for the cost of state Juvenile Institutions compared to DOC’s actual costs; and 3) an allocation for the Corrective Sanctions program.

The attached exhibit lists the Youth Aids funding from 2012 through 2015. The base funding amount is based on separate allocations contained in s. 301.26, Wis. Stats. The original base allocation, which is based on the initial formula for allocations to counties when Youth Aids was created in 1979, now includes:

- a. Prior Year Refund Revenue - Statutes require that DOC provide a refund to counties if the amount paid by counties under the statutory daily rates is greater than DOC’s actual costs in the preceding State fiscal year. The refund would be based on each county’s proportionate share of the days of care provided by DOC.
  - b. The 1999 Act 9 supplemental funding is allocated based on three factors: a) a county’s proportion of the statewide juvenile population for the most recent year available; b) a county’s proportion of statewide Part 1 juvenile arrests under the uniform crime reporting system of the Office of Justice Assistance for the most recent three year period available; and c) a county’s proportion of statewide juveniles placed in a juvenile correctional institution, a secure child caring institution or secure group home for the most recent three-year period available;
  - c. The 2001 Act 16 supplemental funding is allocated based on the same three factors above, but with an “override” provision that no county receives less than 93% nor more than 115% of the amount it would have received if the juvenile placement factor (item “c” above) were the sole factor used to determine county allocations;
  - d. The 2007 Act 20 supplemental funding is allocated based on each county’s proportion of the number of juveniles statewide who are placed in a juvenile correctional facility during the most recent three-year period for which that information is available;
- Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse (AODA) funding is allocated based on each county’s Youth Aids spending on community services (defined as the amount of Youth Aids left after state charges); and
  - The actual 2015 State funding for Corrective Sanctions will not be determined until January 2015 based on actual usage of the program by each county during 2014. Corrective Sanctions funding is allocated following the close of the calendar year, based on each county’s usage of the 136 total slots authorized by statute.

The DOC 2015 allocation for Milwaukee County of \$36,014,748 (excluding Corrective Sanctions) represents a revenue increase for DHHS of \$483,734, compared to the 2014 contract of \$35,531,014. The 2015 DHHS Budget included an estimate of \$35,531,014 in Youth Aids revenue (excluding Corrective Sanctions), which results in a budgeted revenue surplus of \$483,734 for DHHS in 2015.

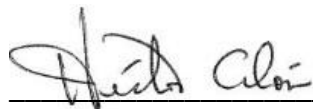
During 2015, DHHS will continue to monitor the Average Daily Population (ADP) and project based on historical data to determine if the initial projected surplus will actually materialize. If a surplus is anticipated, DHHS will return to the County Board to report the revenue surplus as required.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of DHHS, or his designee, to execute the 2015 State/County contract for Community Youth and Family Aids, and any addenda to the contract.

**Fiscal Impact**

The 2015 State contract provides an additional \$483,734 in revenue compared to the 2015 Budget (excluding Corrective Sanctions). A fiscal note form is attached.



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