

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary Jo Meyers, 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 2019 professional services contracts for programs within the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to execute 2019 professional services contracts for the DYFS.

Background

Since 1970, DHHS has supported a social service delivery system comprised of both directly provided and purchased services. Partnerships with community vendors have allowed DHHS to cooperate and collaborate with various community partners and resources. These partnerships further the opportunities for community participation regarding response to youth's behavior and community safety.

The Department conforms to the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to ensure objectivity and fairness in the awarding of professional service contracts. Using authority granted by the Milwaukee County Board, DYFS has contracts that allow for second and third-year contracts without an RFP based on an agency's performance during the previous year.

Discussion

The Department is requesting approval to enter into professional services contracts with the agencies listed below for the identified service and contract amounts for the time period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Detention Physician and Medical Services

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is responsible for medically screening all youth admitted to the secure detention center facility. Physicals are also given to youth that remain in detention for more than 24 hours, along with any necessary follow-up care. This contract provides 29 hours of coverage per week (Monday through Friday) consisting of 24 hours of coverage by a nurse practitioner and five hours of coverage by a physician.

Service	Provider	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2018/2019 Variance
Detention Physician and Medical Services	The Medical College of Wisconsin	\$153,844	\$153,844	\$0

Detention Psychiatric Nursing Services

An RFP was issued in 2017 for this service for a three-year renewable contract beginning in 2018. Alternatives in Psychological Consultation (APC) was the selected vendor and is responsible for the provision of 80 hours of coverage per week, seven days per week, consisting of psychiatric nursing services, mental health screenings, and follow-up services as necessary for all youth in the secure detention facility. DYFS intends to enter into the following professional services contract with APC:

Service	Provider	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2018/2019 Variance
Detention Psychiatric Nursing Services	Alternatives in Psychological	\$173,590	\$173,590	\$0

Pharmaceutical Products/Services

DYFS plans to contract with Omnicare of Milwaukee (Roeschen's) to provide medical and pharmaceutical supplies and medications for youth placed in the youth detention center. DYFS intends to enter into the following professional services contract with Omnicare:

Service	Provider	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2018/2019 Variance
Pharmaceutical Products/Services	Omnicare of Milwaukee	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$0

Juvenile Justice AODA Project

DYFS is required to collaborate with the University of Wisconsin Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project and contribute 5 percent of the total grant budget for the Juvenile Justice AODA project, a grant funded by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. DYFS intends to enter into the following contract with the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

Service			Provider	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2018/2019 Variance
Juvenile Justice Project	AODA		UW-Madison (FASD)	\$19,766	\$19,766	\$0

Training and Technical Assistance – Bakari House Residential Treatment Center

DYFS is in the implementation phase for a Type II Residential Treatment Center (RTC) known as Bakari House, for boys. The RTC is an alternative to a correctional placement at Lincoln Hills School for Boys and is considered a step down from a correctional placement. Bakari House is scheduled to open in late 2018 and DYFS plans to enter into a contract with Behavioral Affiliates, Inc. for ongoing support of the training, technical assistance and treatment/programming component for the RTC.

DYFS intends to enter into the following contract with Behavioral Affiliates:

Service		Provider	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2018/2019 Variance
Training and Technical Assistance-RTC		Behavioral Affiliates	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

Multi-Systemic Therapy - Bakari House Residential Treatment Center

DYFS has contracted with Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) for training and technical assistance for the Bakari House RTC. MST is one component of the programming model continuum within the Bakari House in which every youth works with a MST therapist. This contract supports the training of staff and technical assistance to include data collection and analysis. DYFS recommends the following contract with MST. The increase in 2019 reflects the full annualized cost of the contract.

Service	Provider	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2018/2019 Change
Bakari House – MST training and technical assistance	Multi-Systemic Therapy	\$99,000	\$150,000	\$51,000

Education Services - Bakari House Residential Treatment Center

DYFS has collaborated with Norris School District to provide educational services to youth while in Bakari House. Norris will provide the daily educational instruction, special education and advocacy for youth as well as assist with the transition of youth from Bakari back to their homes and new school settings.

DYFS recommends the following contract for \$185,000 with Norris School District. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will reimburse for these services as the RTC census increases to capacity. The increase in 2019 reflects the full annualized cost of the contract.

Service	Provider	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2018/2019 Change
Bakari House – Education Services	Norris School District	\$99,000	\$185,000	\$86,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or her designee, to execute the professional services agreements as identified in this report and for the amounts and terms enumerated in the attached resolution.

Fiscal Effect

A fiscal note form is attached.



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