

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**Behavioral Health Division Administration**  
**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

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**TO:** Supervisor Lee Holloway, Chairman – Milwaukee County Board

**FROM:** Geri Lyday, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
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**SUBJECT:** **From the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Authorization to Increase the 2011 Purchase of Service Contract with Justice 2000 for the Behavioral Health Division**

**Issue**

Section 46.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires County Board approval for the purchase of human services from nongovernmental vendors. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by resolution of the County Board. Per Section 46.09, the Interim Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to increase the 2011 purchase of service (POS) contract for Justice 2000 (J2K).

**Background**

Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (BHD), in collaboration with Milwaukee County Circuit Court, applied for and was awarded a 3-year, \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support the expansion and enhancement of drug treatment available through the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court (Drug Court). The SAMHSA grant expands treatment availability by 40 slots annually and enhances treatment options through utilization of medication-assisted therapies.

The Drug Court, established in May 2008, targets high risk/high need non-violent offenders with significant substance abuse problems who are charged with a felony or are chronic misdemeanants, are willing to participate in treatment, and who would otherwise face a District Attorney's Office recommendation for incarceration. The target population is diverse in terms of gender, age, and ethnic origin. The Drug Court uses a collaborative team approach to identify, screen, assess, case plan, and monitor individuals eligible for Drug Court services. Once accepted into the program, participants are assigned to a case manager (recovery support coordinator) employed by J2K and placed in treatment through the Wisser Choice provider network.

Over the 12-months of their involvement with the Drug Court, participants move through four

graduated phases of treatment, each with specific criteria that must be met before graduation to the next phase. Regular appearances before the Drug Court judge represent a core element of the process as individuals are called to account for their treatment participation and other behavior or, as is often the case, receive praise and positive reinforcement for treatment progress. If participants successfully complete all four phases, their initial case is dismissed. The project's overall goal is to reduce recidivism in the criminal justice system through the reduction of alcohol and other drug addiction.

BHD has a 2011 purchase of service contract with J2K in the amount of \$45,000 to support the activities of the Drug Court. J2K provides Central Intake Unit services as well as recovery support coordination for all individuals in Drug Court. Furthermore, J2K employs the Drug Court Coordinator (and SAMHSA Project Director) through a separate grant obtained by the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

SAMHSA requires that all grantees attend mandatory grantee meetings, with travel to the meetings paid for using budgeted funds from the SAMHSA grant. SAMHSA approved the use of grant funding for two trainings for the Milwaukee County Drug Court to attend: the annual meeting and training on quality improvement processes. The total cost for these two trainings (hotel, airfare, and per diem for each approved attendee) is \$10,600. While SAMHSA grant funds are available to cover the costs of these trainings, the funds were not allocated in J2K's original 2011 purchase of service contract.

In addition, SAMHSA approved a carry over request to expend \$22,720 to attend two additional trainings this fall. BHD was informed of the availability of carry over funds after the County Board had approved J2K's 2011 purchase of service contract allocation. Milwaukee County has been approved to send a group of 10 people to this conference. Additionally, J2K will send five Recovery Support Coordinators to the National Conference on Addiction Disorders.

### **Recommendation**

In order to cover the costs of the trainings outlined in this report, it is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim Director, DHHS, or her designee, to increase the Justice 2000 purchase of service contract by \$33,320, from \$45,000 to \$78,320, for 2011.

### **Fiscal Effect**

The revenue received through the SAMHSA grant completely offsets the total recommended increase in the Justice 2000 contract. There is no tax levy effect. A fiscal note form is attached. A fund transfer may be completed later in the year to recognize the additional grant funding and related expenses.



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