

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

**DATE:** June 20, 2011

**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 2009 Professional Services Contract with the Medical College of Wisconsin for Emergency Medical Services Clinical Oversight**

**Issue**

Section 56.30 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires County Board approval for professional service contracts extended or amended to provide additional reimbursement which extends the total reimbursement beyond fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) annually to the same vendor. Per Section 56.30, the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization for the Emergency Medical Services Division (EMS), within the Behavioral Health Division, to increase the professional services contract with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) by \$ 15,000.

**Background**

Under Chapter 99 of the County Ordinances and Wisconsin State Statute 323, County Emergency Management has certain responsibilities in the preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery of emergency situations. The State annually offers opportunities for counties to apply for federal and state homeland security grant dollars to assist with meeting these responsibilities.

Milwaukee County was awarded \$15,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security. These funds, provided through the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, will be used to offer Emergency Management Agency Disaster Life Support training. Disaster life support training is a national curriculum that is taught to emergency medical providers to better prepare them to care for injured patients as a result of man-made or natural disasters. The large number of patients and types of injuries incurred during a disaster are different than the number injured and the injuries which occur during daily life. These classes focus on those differences.

In 2009, the County Board approved a five-year extension of the professional services contract with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) in the amount of \$280,000 annually for clinical oversight of the EMS system. The Emergency Management Agency Disaster Life Support training will be provided through the Medical College of Wisconsin to regional EMS providers. Therefore, BHD is requesting that this contract be increased by \$15,000 to \$295,000 for 2011.

**Fiscal Effect**

The increased revenue received through the UASI grant completely offsets the recommended increase in contract expenditures. There will be no tax levy impact. A fund transfer will be completed later in 2011 to recognize the new revenue. A fiscal note form is attached.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim Director, DHHS, or her designee, to increase the professional services contract with MCW by \$15,000 to a total of \$295,000 for 2011.



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