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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY
Interoffice Memo**

DATE: June 19, 2019
TO: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jim Sullivan, Director, Department of Child Support Services
RE: Petition for Waiver Request on Ethics Code Section 9.05 (3) (a) for JeTaunne Richardson in Child Support Services

REQUEST

The Department of Child Support Services requests a waiver of 9.05(3) (a) of the Ethics Code, which states that no former county employee, for twelve (12) months following the date on which he/she ceases to be a county employee, shall, for compensation, on behalf of any person other than a governmental entity, provide any contractual services to the county. The county board committee on finance and audit may waive the contractual services prohibition provision of this section, first effective for county public officials or employees that separate service after April 1, 2016, upon the petition of the administrator seeking services with the former public official or employee that the need is critical to county operations.

This waiver request is for JeTaunne Richardson who began employment on June 9, 1997 and retired and ceased to be a county employee effective May 17, 2019. This request is for Ms. Richardson to return to work on behalf of Child Support Services (CSS) on a temporary contract basis, in order to continue to oversee the department's Federal Pathways for Fathers and Families grant.

DISCUSSION

CSS was awarded a Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services federal office of the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) in 2011. This grant ran from 2012 to 2015. JeTaunne Richardson was tasked with being the project director for this grant and the subsequent grant, New Pathways for Fathers and Families, which runs from 2016 through 2020. JeTaunne has a working relationship with all of our partners and has developed specific knowledge of the grant, services provided under the grant, and grant reporting requirements. Although Jetaunne Richardson has retired from county service, CSS would like to retain her on a contract basis to continue in a grant management role. Federal grant officers and community partners have requested we continue in such contract capacity for the remaining 15 months of the grant. Retaining Jetaunne Richardson as a contract grant manager helps to ensure a successful grant conclusion and maintains continuity of operations for the final year.

FISCAL IMPACT

A fiscal note is attached. This cost is already covered under our Pathways grant.

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully requested that the County Board of Supervisors waive 9.05(3) (a) of the Ethics Code in order to allow JeTaunne Richardson to return to work on behalf of Child Support Services on a temporary contract basis. Ms. Richardson was previously the Community Programs and Grants Manager working with our Pathways grant. This request is for Ms. Richardson to work as a contractor, with hours limited to 20 hours per week, and for a length of time up to the duration of the end of the Pathways grant's final report due December 31, 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Electronic copies with attachments to:

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Attachments