

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Division Administration
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 retroactively increase the 2014 purchase of service contracts with Project Access, Inc., and Wisconsin Community Services for the Community Support Programs (CSPs) in the Community Access to Recovery Services Division**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization for the Community Access to Recovery Services Division (CARSD) to increase its existing 2014 purchase of service contracts with Project Access, Inc., and Wisconsin Community Services for the Community Support Programs (CSPs).

Discussion

The Community Support Program serves individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorder. This program was originally operated by the Community Services Branch (CSB) within the Behavioral Health Division (BHD). As part of the 2014 Adopted Budget, CSB was combined with the Wraparound Milwaukee Program to form a new division, the Community Access to Recovery Services Division or CARSD within DHHS.

Last December, the County Board approved the 2014 contracts (File No. 13-906) with Project Access and Wisconsin Community Services to provide CSP services. Subsequent to the execution of these contracts, however, it was discovered that the value of each contract was short by \$44,178. Although sufficient funds had been budgeted for these contracts, the total value of the contracts was not calculated correctly to reflect a full year of cost for client expansion services. In the last quarter of 2013, the 2013 contracts for both Project Access and Wisconsin Community Services were increased to include an additional caseload of 10 clients. The full calendar year impact of this additional caseload, however, was not carried forward and contained in the 2014 contracts approved by the County Board in December.

Approval of the additional \$44,178 for each contract would provide full funding for CSP services and an additional 10 clients (one full caseload) to both Project Access, Inc., and Wisconsin Community Services for all of 2014.

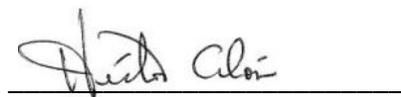
Fiscal Effect

Total funds of \$88,356 for this program will be allocated from the overall purchases of service funds contained in the 2014 Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to retroactively increase the existing 2014 purchase of service contract with Project Access, Inc., by \$44,178 to reflect a total contract of \$671,239 and to retroactively increase the purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services by \$44,178 to reflect a total contract of \$745,768. Both contracts are for the time period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,



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