

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a 2025 professional service contract with the Medical College of Wisconsin

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to execute a 2025 professional service contract for Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS).

**POLICY**

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute this professional service contract.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.52(31)
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**BACKGROUND**

DHHS supports a social service delivery system for youth and their families that is comprised of both directly provided and purchased services. Partnerships with community members have allowed DHHS to cooperate and collaborate with various community partners and resources. These partnerships further the opportunities for community participation in responding to a young person's behavior as well as community safety and are in alignment with the development of the youth justice continuum of care and addressing the social determinants of health.

The CYFS youth detention center is responsible for the supervision, security, safety and care of all youth who are in the detention center. Per DOC 346.23, CYFS is to provide health screenings and care for all youth in the facility. 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 a total of 29 hours of medical coverage per week (Monday through Friday) consisting of 24 hours of coverage by a nurse practitioner and five hours of coverage by a physician. Due to increases in MCW personnel and other related costs, CYFS is requesting an increase to the 2025 contract.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2024 Allocation</b>	<b>2025 Proposed Allocation</b>	<b>2024/2025 Variance</b>
Detention Physician and Medical Services	The Medical College of Wisconsin	\$187,864	\$201,516	\$13,652

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

CYFS programs enhance the quality of life for youth and their families in Milwaukee County. There are ongoing efforts to reform the youth justice system in Milwaukee County to build upon the community continuum of care, individualize all case planning and services for youth in the community whenever possible and break down the silos in the system across all entities. CYFS is committed to addressing social determinants of health, preventing justice involvement of young people and the transition youth out of correctional placements and back to Milwaukee County by leveraging resources to reduce the use of incarceration to better support young people and their families.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to execute a professional service contract in a total amount of \$201,516 for the services identified in the accompanying resolution. The effective date of the contract would be the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

The 2025 DHHS Adopted Budget includes funding for this contract in CYFS.

**TERMS**

The professional service agreement would be effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director  
Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator  
Clare O'Brien, DHHS Budget & Policy Director

**PREPARED BY:**

Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator

**APPROVED BY:**

*Shakita LaGrant-McClain*  
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

cc: County Executive David Crowley  
Hon. Karl Ashley, Chief Judge  
Sup. Willie Johnson Jr., Chair, Finance Committee  
Sup. Shawn Rolland, Chair, Health Equity, Human Needs, & Strategic Planning Committee  
Liz Sumner, Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller  
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