COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

Inter-Office Communication

DATE:

January 8, 2014

TO:

Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Jim Sullivan, Director, Department of Child Support Services

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE 2014 STATE/COUNTY CONTRACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHILD

SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Director of Child Support Services respectfully requests authority to execute the 2014 State/County Contract covering the administration of the child and spousal support and establishment of paternity and medical support liability program between the State of Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Milwaukee County.

Discussion

Wisconsin Statute §59.53(5) requires counties to contract with DCF to implement the child support program. Child Support funding continues to include the 66% Federal match for IVD program expenditures, incentive money based upon performance, reimbursement for medical support liability and State general purpose revenue. Milwaukee County's funding allocation is dependent upon the Department's paternity establishment rate, support order establishment rate, current support collected and number of cases receiving arrears payments.

Fiscal Effect

A fiscal note is attached, reflecting no direct county fiscal impact, as the execution of this contract was anticipated and included in the 2014 budget.

Recommendation

I recommend that the County Board of Supervisors authorize and direct the execution of the 2014 State/County Contract. Risk Management and Corporation Counsel have approved the contract language.

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Sullivan, Director

Department of Child Support Services

Electronic copies with attachments to:

Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

Theodore Lipscomb Sr., Chair, Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee, County Board Amber Moreen, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Executive's Office

Josh Fudge, Fiscal and Budget Administrator, Department of Administrative Services

Veronica Rudychev, Fiscal Management Analyst, Department of Administrative Services

Steve Cady, Director of Research Services, Office of the Comptroller

Alexis Gassenhuber, Committee Clerk, County Clerk

Attachments