

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting passive review amendments to 2019 purchase of service contracts for the Saturday Alternative Sanctions and Evening Reporting Center Programs**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to extend the 2019 purchase of service contracts for the Saturday Alternative Sanctions Program and Evening Report Center for the Division of Youth and Family Services for three months through June 30, 2019 with Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)

Background

Since 1970, DHHS has supported a social service delivery system comprised of both directly provided and purchased services using a combination of State, grant and local tax funds. Partnerships with community providers have allowed DHHS to cooperate and collaborate with various community agencies and resources. These partnerships further the opportunities for community participation, leverage resources and utilize community expertise regarding the DYFS community response to delinquency.

DYFS conforms to the DHHS Request for Proposals (RFP) process to ensure objectivity and fairness in the awarding of purchase of service contracts. DYFS relies on these objective reviews, community panels and DHHS contract administration/quality assurance to guide award recommendations. DYFS also may consider other salient factors in order to best meet the needs of the children's court and youth served including the financial stability of applicants to ensure the continuity of services, the minimization of service disruption, provider alignment with emerging strategies or changing system demands, opportunities for further resource leveraging and information sharing and maximization of resources.

Discussion

The Department is requesting approval to extend purchase of services contracts with WCS for the Saturday Alternative Sanctions Program and Evening Report Center listed below for three months from April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. The initial contracts were established with a term of January 1 to March 31, 2019. However, contract extensions are required while an appeal

is pending by WCS to operate the restructured program for 2019.

In 2018, DYFS issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to combine the Evening Report Center and Saturday Alternative Sanctions Programs into one program. These programs were combined due to an overlap of services and to increase operational efficiency. This also resulted in a reduction to the overall allocation for these programs of about \$235,000 for 2019.

Based on the scores from the RFP review panel, DYFS recommended entering into one purchase of service contract for both programs with St. Charles Youth and Family Services. This contract would include 45 slots for males and females.

To ensure continuity in services during the appeal process, an extension of the current contracts for the Saturday Alternative Sanctions Program and the Evening Reporting Center with WCS will need to be executed starting April 1 through June 30, 2019.

Service	Provider	January 1 – March 30, 2019 Allocation	April 1- June 30, 2019 Allocation	Total
Saturday Alternative Sanctions Program	Wisconsin Community Services	\$90,295	\$90,295	\$180,590
Evening Report Center		\$78,750	\$78,750	\$157,500
	Total	\$169,045	\$169,045	\$338,090

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to extend the purchase of service contracts for the Saturday Alternative Sanctions Program and the Evening Report Center during the time period of April 1 through June 30, 2019 with Wisconsin Community Services.

This would increase the total Saturday Alternative Sanctions Program contract to \$180,590 and the Evening Reporting Center contract to \$157,500. These allocations will allow for the provision of high-priority community-based services for youth being served by the Division of Youth and Family Services.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed purchase of service contracts for the three-month term reflect total expenditures of \$169,045. A fiscal note form is attached.



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