

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date: October 1, 2015
To: Milwaukee County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.
From: Michael Hafemann, Superintendent, Milwaukee County House of Correction (HOC)
Subject: From the Superintendent, House of Correction, requesting consideration and passive review of a contract extension with the Benedict Center

Issue

A current contract with the Benedict Center expires on December 31, 2015. This contract is for re-entry programming services. The House of Correction (HOC) would like to continue and expand this specialized re-entry program to assist female inmates for one more year.

Discussion

If this contract is approved, the Benedict Center will continue provide re-entry services to female offenders, which includes case management/ re-entry planning and three counseling groups: Women's Sexuality, Seeking Safety and Life Skills.

The Benedict Center will also conduct additional programming that provides Nurturing and Parenting skills as well as evidence based curriculum that are considered key for addressing criminogenic risks and needs: Moving On (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) and Anger/ Stress.

The total cost of the programming, which will assist 150 women, is \$155,000.

Funds were ear-marked in 2015 to expand this program. Therefore, sufficient funds are available in this year's programming budget.

By utilizing these funds, further expansion of this program or new programming opportunities will be feasible in 2016, subject to any required Board approval.

Recommendation

Based on the results of a trial program with the Benedict Center, the HOC would like to continue developing and improving this programming with the Benedict Center for another year. A fiscal note form is also attached.

I am respectfully requesting that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit for passive review of this contract extension with the Benedict Center.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Milwaukee County House of Correction

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