

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Division Administration
Inter-Office Communication

DATE: March 25, 2013

TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman – Milwaukee County Board

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Prepared by Paula Lucey, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division

SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to increase a purchase of services contract with Community Advocates involving the prevention of prescription drug misuse and abuse in Milwaukee County as well as to provide protective payee program activities at the Behavioral Health Division**

Issue

Section 46.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires County Board approval for the purchase of human services from nongovernmental vendors. No contract or contract adjustment shall take effect until approved by resolution of the County Board. Per Section 46.09, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to increase the purchase of services contract with Community Advocates for activities related to the prevention of drug misuse and abuse as well as for protective payee services for clients in the Behavioral Health Division (BHD).

Discussion

Prevention Grant

In January 2013, BHD received a \$92,649 grant from the State Department of Health Services (DHS) issued under the Wisconsin Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success II (SPF PFS II). The grant's purpose is to provide a comprehensive, evidence-based, prevention approach to reduce the non-medical or unauthorized use of prescription drugs by focusing on two goals: 1) Reduce the non-medical/unauthorized availability of and access to prescription drugs among 12-25 year olds within sub-grantee geographic areas and 2) Establish a statewide systemic surveillance system to identify prescription drug misuse and abuse. These goals will be addressed through the implementation of evidence-based strategies at the local level.

These funds are available as a result of a three-year federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) received by the State DHS-Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Funds are being directed to the nine highest need counties throughout the state. Sadly, Milwaukee County ranked first exhibiting the greatest need for preventative interventions due to misuse and abuse of prescription drugs.

Community Advocates administers and staffs the work of the Milwaukee Coalition of Substance Abuse Prevention (MCSAP). This 40-member coalition is comprised of Milwaukee County citizens, substance abuse service professionals, and individuals who are familiar with the consequences of alcohol and other drug abuse.

Given the experience of Community Advocates administering the MCSAP work and with prevention programming, BHD is proposing to partner with them on this grant. The scope of work entails the annual collection of data related to the National Outcome Measurement System/Government Performance and Results Act (NOMS/GPRA). In addition, we are required to report the number of evidence-based programs, policies and practices implemented, and the number of people reached by the prevention strategies used.

Protective Payee Program

BHD is also seeking to retroactively contract with Community Advocates for protective payee program services. BHD sponsors a protective payee program for clients that require assistance with financial management services to ensure that they have adequate resources throughout the entire month and the ability to learn money management skills. In the March cycle, the County Board approved File No. 13-204 which established a payee services contract with the Milwaukee Mental Health Associates (MMHA) from May to December 2013 in an amount of \$9,462.

However, coverage for January to April was inadvertently missed in the December 2012 cycle and should have been included in BHD's package of 2013 contracts. The services in the protective payee program were delivered by Community Advocates from January – April 2013. Approval of this contract would retroactively provide funding for payee services by \$4,731 from January to April. In May, the responsibility for protective payee program will transfer from Community Advocates to MMHA for the remainder of the year.

Fiscal Effect

Prevention Grant

The SAMHSA grant supports 100% of the cost of the prevention activities. Therefore, there is no tax levy effect. A fiscal note form is attached.

Protective Payee Program

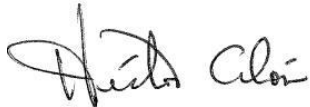
Total funds of \$4,731 for this program will be allocated from the overall purchases of service funds in the 2013 Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to increase the purchase of services contract with Community Advocates by \$92,649 from May 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. It is also recommended to increase the protective payee portion of the contract by \$4,731 from January 1 to April 30, 2013. These

actions would increase the existing contract with Community Advocates by a total of \$97,380 from \$1,350,000 to \$1,447,380.

Respectfully Submitted,



Héctor Colón, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

cc: County Executive Chris Abele
Raisa Koltun, County Executive's Office
Kelly Bablitch, County Board
Don Tyler, Director, DAS
Craig Kammholtz, Fiscal & Budget Administrator, DAS
CJ Pahl, Assistant Fiscal & Budget Administrator, DAS
Antionette Thomas-Bailey, Fiscal & Management Analyst, DAS
Jennifer Collins, Analyst, County Board Staff
Jodi Mapp, Committee Clerk, County Board Staff