

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 12, 2021

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 execute an amendment to increase the 2021 purchase of service contract by \$200,000 with Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) for the Bakari Center Program within the Children, Youth and Family Services Division

File Type: Action File

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to execute 2021 purchase of service contracts for the Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) Division.

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute these purchase of service contracts.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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BACKGROUND

Since 1970, DHHS has supported a social service delivery system 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.

Beginning in 2022, the title for the Division of Youth and Family Services is changed to Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) to recognize the addition of children's programming from the Disabilities Services Division. As a result, the Birth to 3 Program, Children's Long-Term Support Program (CLTS) and Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) transition to this new division in 2022. This change promotes further alignment toward the department's strategy for improving health by integrating services and care for customers.

Bakari Center Program

The Bakari Center is a court-ordered residential treatment center for boys that can serve up to 12 youth in a residential program and in the community upon completion of the residential program. The program is a community-based alternative to a correctional placement or a step-down placement from corrections.

The 2021 program budget of \$1,718,209 was split between a purchase of service contract with DHHS for \$1,298,709 and the balance of \$419,500 was committed under a fee-for-service agreement with Wraparound Milwaukee to capture revenue for Wrap-enrolled youth. As 2021 has progressed, however, the actual number of Wrap-enrolled youth served at the facility has been less than anticipated. As a result, more of the costs are being charged under the purchase of service agreement and less costs are being supported through fee-for-service payments from Wraparound Milwaukee. For this reason, DHHS is requesting to increase the Bakari House contract amount from \$1,298,709 to a new total of \$1,498,709 offset by a reduction in Wraparound payments for youth in this level of care.

Because the contract increase of \$200,000 is offset by a reduction in Wraparound payments, the total program budget of \$1,718,209 will not be exceeded. Wraparound Milwaukee costs are partially supported by Youth Aids revenue through a crosscharge to CYFS. DHHS will submit a fund transfer to the County Board in the upcoming cycle to decrease the 2021 Wraparound-CYFS crosscharge amount and increase the vendor payment budget in CYFS.

DHHS is requesting an amendment of \$200,000 to the existing contract with WCS for 2021 as shown below.

Service	Provider	2021 Allocation	2021 Proposed Amendment	2021 Adjusted Contract
Residential Treatment Center	Wisconsin Community Services	\$1,298,709	\$200,000	\$1,498,709

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Contracts established by CYFS support the ongoing development of community-based programming for justice involved youth and their families and ensures a racial equity lens is utilized in all program and contract decisions. The 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. The CYFS is committed to transition youth out of correctional placements and back to Milwaukee by leveraging resources for the zero-youth corrections plan 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 an amendment to increase the 2021 purchase of service contract by \$200,000 with Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) for the Bakari Center Program within the Children, Youth and Family Services Division.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no 2021 fiscal effect. A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

The amendment to the contract would be effective January 1, 2021 and end December 31, 2021.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Shakita LaGrant-McClain
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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