

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: August 12, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to pay the Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc., and Roeschen's Healthcare LLC (doing business as Omnicare of Milwaukee) for essential medical services under 2022 Professional Service Agreements and requesting a waiver of Sections 56.30 (8) and (9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to pay for medical services and pharmaceutical supplies and medications provided to youth residing in the detention center at the Vel R. Phillips Youth and Family Justice Center prior to contracts being signed with the Medical College of Wisconsin and Omnicare.

POLICY

DHHS is seeking a waiver of Sections 56.30 (8) and (9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances and authorization for the Office of the Comptroller to pay the Medical College of Wisconsin approximately \$105,000 and Roeschen's Healthcare LLC (doing business as Omnicare of Milwaukee) approximately \$14,000 for medical services under a Professional Service Agreement before all parties signed the Agreements.

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| Milwaukee County Ordinance | 56.30 |
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BACKGROUND

The CYFS 2022 professional service agreements with the Medical College of Wisconsin and Omnicare were approved before the County Board in December of 2021 under File 21-1020. After the approval, the draft contracts were sent out by DHHS Contract Administration to both agencies for review and signatures on 1/31/2022. The Medical College of Wisconsin and Omnicare both had additional questions and concerns and requested changes be made to their Professional Service Agreements.

Throughout the last six months, negotiations have been ongoing between the legal departments of the two agencies and the Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel's Office as well as Risk Management. All outstanding contract issues have now been resolved.

The final drafts of the contracts were agreed upon between DHHS and the Medical College of Wisconsin on 5/27/22 and with Omnicare on 6/27/2022. Additional information about each service is below:

- **\$158,248 to the Medical College of Wisconsin:** The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is responsible for medically screening all youth admitted to the secure detention center facility. Physicals are also given to youth that remain in detention for more than 24 hours, along with any necessary follow-up care. This contract provides a total of 29 hours of medical coverage per week (Monday through Friday) consisting of 24 hours of coverage by a nurse practitioner and five hours of coverage by a physician.
- **\$20,000 for Omnicare:** The Omnicare of Milwaukee provides medical and pharmaceutical supplies and medications for youth placed in the youth detention center who do not have access to insurance coverage.

CYFS is seeking approval to pay the invoices for services provided by both the Medical College of Wisconsin and Omnicare to youth in the detention center prior to the contracts being signed and executed. The services being invoiced occurred from January 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The CYFS contracts with community-based agencies in order to support the youth who are in care in the youth detention center 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 waive Sections 56.30 (8) and (9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances and authorize the Office of the Comptroller to pay the Medical College of Wisconsin approximately \$105,000 and Omnicare approximately \$14,000 for professional services under a Professional Service Agreement for medical services and pharmaceutical supplies and medications before all parties signed the

Agreements.

FISCAL EFFECT

The 2022 DHHS Adopted Budget includes funding for these two professional service agreements.

TERMS

The professional service agreements reflect a term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director
Kelly Pethke, Interim Administrator
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Shakita LaGrant-McClain
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

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Resolution and Fiscal Note

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