

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 7, 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 enter into 2023 professional service contracts with community vendors for Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS)

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**REQUEST**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to execute 2023 professional service contracts for Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS).

**POLICY**

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

The following contracts are being proposed by CYFS for the time period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

- **\$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.

Service	Provider	2022 Allocation	2023 Proposed Allocation	2022/2023 Variance
Detention Physician and Medical Services	The Medical College of Wisconsin	\$158,248	\$158,248	\$0

- **\$173,590 to Alternatives in Psychological Consultation:** The Alternatives in Psychological Consultation (APC) contract covers the provision of 80 hours of psychiatric nursing coverage per week, seven days per week, consisting of psychiatric nursing services, mental health screenings, and follow-up services as necessary for all youth in the secure youth detention facility.

Service	Provider	2022 Allocation	2023 Proposed Allocation	2022/2023 Variance
Detention Psychiatric Nursing Services	Alternatives in Psychological Consultation	\$173,590	\$173,590	\$0

- **\$150,000 to Multi-Systemic Therapy:** CYFS has contracted with Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) for training and technical assistance for justice involved youth at home in the community and for youth in the Bakari Center Residential Treatment Program. MST is one component of the programming model continuum within the Bakari Center in which every justice involved youth works with an MST therapist for up to six months during their time in the residential program, during their transition home and through four months after discharge from the residential portion of the program. CYFS plans to enter into a fee-for-service contract with the Bakari Center in 2023. This program also works with youth in the community to support the youth and family in order to keep the youth in the home for a period of six months. This contract supports the training of staff, coaching and technical assistance to include data collection and analysis.

Service	Provider	2022 Allocation	2023 Proposed	2022/2023 Variance
MST training and technical assistance	Multi-Systemic Therapy	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

- **\$105,000 for Center for Behavioral Medicine:** The Center for Behavioral Medicine supports one DBT clinician to provide services for youth in the former Milwaukee County Accountability Program (MCAP), as well as provide ongoing coaching, training, and support for community providers in the implementation of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT). This position is the lead in the training and support of the CYFS Unit Therapist in collaboration with the DHHS Behavioral Health Services (BHS) providing clinical supervision.

Service	Provider	2022 Allocation	2022 Proposed	2022/2023 Variance
Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)	Center for Behavioral Medicine	\$103,251	\$105,000	\$1,749

- **\$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 or other methods of payment.

Service	Provider	2022 Allocation	2023 Proposed Allocation	2022/2023 Variance
Pharmaceutical Products/Services	Omnicare of Milwaukee	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The CYFS is recommending contracts that 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 County 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 professional service contracts in a total amount of \$606,838 for the services identified in the accompanying

resolution. The effective date of the contracts would be the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

The 2023 DHHS Adopted Budget includes funding these contracts in CYFS.

**TERMS**

The professional service agreements would be effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director  
Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator  
Clare O'Brien, DHHS Budget & Policy Director

**PREPARED BY:**

Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator

**APPROVED BY:**

*Shakita LaGrant-McClain*  
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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Hon. Mary E. Triggiano, Chief Judge  
Sup. Liz Sumner, Chair, Finance Committee  
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