

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Division Administration
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: May 22, 2012

TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman – Milwaukee County Board

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Requesting Authorization to Extend the 2012 Purchase of Service Contract with Our Space for the Behavioral Health Division

Policy 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. At the March Board meeting, the 2012 Our Space purchase of service contract was extended through June 30, 2012 for Peer Support services, pending audit results. The audit has been completed therefore, per Section 46.09, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to extend the 2012 purchase of service (POS) contract with Our Space for the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) through December 31, 2012.

Discussion

Shortly before the December meeting of the Health and Human Needs Committee, it was brought to the attention of BHD administration that there were some issues with the Our Space contract. BHD met with Our Space and the individuals who brought the concerns forward and all parties agreed with a BHD developed plan to conduct an audit of the Peer Support component of the Our Space contract. To ensure that these valuable services were maintained for BHD clients while the concerns were reviewed, BHD recommended, and the Board approved, a four-month contract for Our Space from January 1 – April 30, 2012 for a total of \$116,054. BHD then returned to the Board in March 2012 and asked to extend the Peer Support service area of the Our Space contract through June 30, 2012, since the audit was still pending. That was approved and services for clients have continued without interruption.

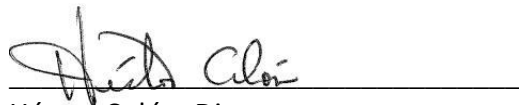
Audit released their final review of the Our Space issues in May 2012. The audit did not find any significant issues that would indicate that Our Space should not continue to provide Peer Support services to BHD through their purchase of service contract. The Audit is also being submitted to the County Board in the June cycle. Due to the completion of the audit, BHD is requesting to extend the Peer Support portion of the Our Space contract through December 31, 2012.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or his designee, to extend the 2012 purchase of service contracts with Our Space for Peer Support services by \$67,600, to a total of \$135,200 for the time period of July 1 – December 31, 2012. Approval of the recommended contract allocation, as specified in the attached resolution, will allow for BHD to continue to provide peer support services.

Fiscal Effect

The amounts recommended in these contracts have been included in BHD's 2012 Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.



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