

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**Delinquency and Court Services Division (DHHS)**  
**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** February 24, 2015

**TO:** Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Peggy Romo-West, Chairwoman, Health and Human Needs

**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 increase the 2015 purchase of service contract between the Delinquency and Court Services Division and Wisconsin Community Services to meet the increased need for the Alternative Sanction Program.

**Issue**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to enter into 2015 purchase of service contracts for the Delinquency and Court Services Division.

**Background**

Since 1970, DHHS has supported a social service delivery system comprised of both directly-provided and purchased-services, using a combination of State, grant and local tax funds. Partnerships with community providers have allowed DHHS to cooperate and collaborate with various community agencies and resources. These partnerships further the opportunities for community participation, leverage resources and utilize community expertise regarding the DCSD community response to delinquency.

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services intends to increase the purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services by an amount not to exceed \$189,180 to expand the Alternative Sanction Program within the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) to implement juvenile justice system reform activities associated with the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

**Discussion**

The Alternative Sanction Program was implemented as a juvenile justice system reform activity associated with the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). As such, it is designed as a program to provide a community-based, evidence-based alternative to detention for sanctions placement for youth who violate the conditions of their probation. The Alternative Sanctions Program is also designed to provide a timely response that holds youth accountable relative to their violations and engages them in positive and constructive programming.

DCSD issued a request for proposals (RFP) in April 2013 for the operation of the Alternative Sanction Program. In addition to Section 46.09 of the County Ordinances, DCSD conforms to the DHHS RFP process to ensure objectivity and fairness in the awarding of purchase of service

contracts. Based on the scores from the RFP community panel, DCSD, with County Board approval, entered into a purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) to provide the Alternative Sanction Program. The current contract provides the program through both a north side and south side location for \$172,000 from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

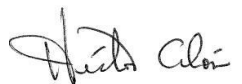
Since its inception, the Alternative Sanction Program has been heavily utilized as an alternative, evidence-based alternative to using secure detention for sanction purposes. This heavy utilization has resulted in a program waiting list that has both persisted and grown in recent months. This waiting list places in jeopardy the program's ability to provide a quick response to negative youth behaviors. Additionally, the expansion improves youth outcomes and community safety by funding the implementation of program improvements as identified through the Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment Initiative.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to execute an amended purchase of service contract for an amount up to \$361,180 with Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. to expand Alternative Sanction Program for the time period of January 1 through December 31, 2015 to meet both the current and projected need for the program. Approval of the recommended contract allocation via the attached resolution will allow for the continued provision of community-based services that provide effective interventions for youth being served by the Delinquency and Court Services Division.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The proposed purchase of service contract reflects total expenditures of \$361,180. This amount reflects a \$189,180 increase from the original 2015 contract. Sufficient funds have been allocated in the 2015 Budget to cover these costs. A fiscal note form is attached.



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