

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 18, 2016

TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, and Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Kerry Mitchell, Director, Department of Human Resources

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: **From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting the authorization of one Community Intervention Specialist position abolished in the 2017 Budget and the transfer of commensurate funding from the Appropriation for Contingencies**

Issue

In June 2016, the County Board created one Community Intervention Specialist (Resolution File No. 16-318) to support the Housing Division's efforts in eliminating chronic homelessness as part of its Housing First Initiative. The 2017 Adopted Budget subsequently denied the creation of this position which is currently filled as part of an amendment (1A045) to the 2017 Recommended Budget.

Background

The position is responsible for assisting the Division in its homeless outreach efforts as well as linking new Housing First participants with case management services to ensure they are successful in their housing placements. This model has proven successful thus far as the program has a 99 percent housing retention rate of the 175 individuals that have been placed since September 2015.

The position was not originally part of the 2016 Adopted Budget but was created in May of 2016. Under amendment 1A045 adopted by the County Board, this position was included along with 2017 newly-created positions for denial in the 2017 Budget. The Community Intervention Specialist was a 2016 mid-year create and not a new create for 2017. The Housing Division filled this position in August 2016.

Recommendation

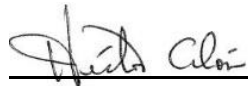
To assist the Housing Division in reaching its goal to end chronic homelessness, DHHS recommends the County Board continue the authorization for the following position in 2017 and release the associated funding from the Appropriation for Contingencies:

Position Description	Pay Range	FTE	2017 Fiscal Impact	Total Impact
Create				
Community Intervention Specialist	24	1.00	\$56,092 (salary & SS) \$20,148 (active health & pension)	\$76,240
Total		1.00		\$76,240

Fiscal Impact

There is no tax levy impact associated with approval of this request. DHHS is requesting that the funding for this position be transferred from the Appropriation for Contingencies into the 2017 DHHS Budget. A fiscal note is attached.

Respectfully Submitted:



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