

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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 enter into 2017 purchase of service contracts for programs within the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD)**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to enter into 2017 purchase of service contracts for the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD).

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.

DCSD conforms to the DHHS Request for Proposals (RFP) process to ensure objectivity and fairness in the awarding of purchase of service contracts. DCSD relies on these objective reviews by community panels and DHHS contract administration/quality assurance to guide award recommendations. DCSD also may consider other salient factors in order to best meet the needs of the juvenile court and youth served including the financial stability of applicants to ensure the continuity of services, the minimization of service disruption, provider alignment with emerging strategies or changing system demands, opportunities for further resource leveraging, information sharing and maximization of resources.

Discussion

The Department is requesting approval to purchase services with the agencies listed below for the identified service and contract amounts for the time period of February 1 to December 31, 2017 and renewable for up to three years.

Youth Employment Program

The Youth Employment Program (YEP) is designed to provide training and employment opportunities for youth served by DCSD. The goal of the program is to assist youth in Milwaukee County in making the successful transition from adolescence into adulthood through job skills and work experience. This program will provide the opportunity for youth to learn professional and personal skills that lead to employment opportunities. Each youth who completes the training and programming portion of the YEP will be transitioned into a hands-on field experience and then hired as a part-time employee.

The Social Development Commission (SDC) is recommended for a purchase of service contract for up to 60 youth for \$50,000 for the time period of February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The contract is renewable for up to three years.

Service	Provider	2017 Allocation
Youth Employment	Social Development Commission	\$50,000

Shelter Care

Shelter Care provides short-term, non-secure, 24-hour supervised care and residential programming to youth. The program primarily serves youth pending court for alleged delinquency as an alternative to secure detention placement. Other youth involved in the juvenile justice court matters may be placed in Shelter Care at the discretion of either DCSD or the Children's Court.

DCSD is recommending a purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services for February 1 through December 31, 2017 to provide shelter care to both boys (20 beds) and girls (12 beds) in the amount of \$2,358,458.

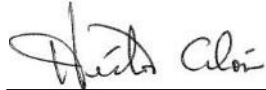
Service	Provider	2017 Allocation
Shelter Care	Wisconsin Community Services	\$2,358,458

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to enter into purchase of service contracts for 2017 for a variety of services and programs for the time period of February 1 through December 31, 2017 with the providers listed and in the amounts specified in the attached resolution. Approval of the recommended contract allocations will allow for the provision of identified high-priority, community-based services for youth being served by DCSD.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed purchase of service contracts reflect total expenditures of \$2,408,458. Sufficient funds have been allocated in the 2017 Budget to cover these costs. A fiscal note form is attached.



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