

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

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

**FROM:** Jeanne Dorff, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
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**SUBJECT:** **Report from the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to renew Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) purchase of service and professional service contracts for the Housing Division**

**Issue**

The Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to renew purchase of service and professional service contracts funded by SAMHSA in the Housing Division.

**Background**

In 2016, the Housing Division was awarded a three-year SAMHSA grant of \$2.4 million to expand the Housing Division's Housing First Initiative. The grant began in October 2016 and is funded at \$800,000 each year. The scope of the grant includes: 1) increasing capacity and coordination efforts to address homelessness in Milwaukee as well as 2) expanding and enhancing its existing Housing First program. In the grant application, the Milwaukee County Housing First (MCHF) project proposed making 450 outreach contacts and enrolling 140 homeless individuals and families in permanent housing over the life of the grant.

The population served includes:

Priority 1: Chronically homeless individuals, families, and transitional-aged youth (ages 18-25) who have Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD), Co-occurring Disorder (COD) or Serious Mental Illness (SMI) as well as veterans with these disorders who meet the Hearth Act Category 1 definition for homelessness. The definition reflects individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including individuals who are exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Priority 2: Families who are not chronically homeless but meet the Hearth Act Category 1 definition homeless, and who have an adult with SUD, SMI, or COD, as well as transitional-aged youth who meet that definition. MCHF uses the evidenced based practices of: 1) Housing First, 2) Motivational Interviewing (MI) and 3) Trauma-Informed Care (TIC). These practices were selected because the priority for MCHF is individuals who are chronically homeless. These are persons who have been historically difficult to engage in services. Goals to be measured include: 1) enhancing capacity and coordination efforts to address homelessness in Milwaukee;

and assist participants to 2) achieve or maintain recovery; 3) improve their mental health functioning; 4) secure and sustain permanent housing; 5) manage their activities of daily living; 6) improve their quality of life; 7) engage in purposeful activity; 8) build a supportive social network; 9) enroll in health insurance and other benefits and 10) minimize sub-population disparities in access to, use of, and outcomes of project services. The evaluation will be overseen by Dr. Gwat-Yong Lie with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Yong Lie has conducted evaluations for three previous and one current SAMHSA grant-funded projects for homeless persons.

**Discussion**

The Department is requesting approval to renew service contracts with the agencies listed below for the identified service and contract amounts for an additional grant year. The information that follows describes, by program area, the various services to be purchased and the 2017 recommended contract amount:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2016 Allocation</b>	<b>2017 Allocation</b>	<b>2016/2017 Variance</b>
SAMHSA homeless Case Management	Center for Veterans Issues	\$72,876	\$72,876	\$0
	Guest House of Milwaukee	\$55,647	\$55,647	\$0
	MCFI/Whole Health Clinical Group	\$55,647	\$55,647	\$0
	SET Ministries	\$55,647	\$55,647	\$0
	Wisconsin Community Services	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
Training	Alma Center	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$0
Peer Support	Center for Veterans Issues	\$72,876	\$72,876	\$0
	Our Space	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Coordinated Entry Services	IMPACT	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0
Evaluation	UWM Helen Bader School of Social Work	\$63,210	\$63,210	\$0
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$577,503</b>	<b>\$577,503</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to renew purchase of service and professional service contracts effective October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$577,503 with the agencies as described above and enumerated in the resolution accompanying this report.

**Fiscal Effect**

These contracts are fully funded by the Milwaukee County Housing Division federal SAMHSA grant.



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