

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE  
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

**Date:** November 2, 2017  
**To:** Milwaukee County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.  
**From:** Michael Hafemann, Superintendent, Milwaukee County House of Correction (HOC)  
**Subject:** From the Superintendent, House of Correction, requesting authorization to enter into a Professional Service Contract extension with the Benedict Center in the amount of \$198,045 for a one-year term for women's re-entry programming effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018

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**Issue**

The current contract with the Benedict Center expires on December 31, 2017. The HOC has been satisfied with the programming services provided. Initially, the program was to assist at least 200 women. At this time, the Benedict Center is helping over 250 female participants.

**Discussion**

The Benedict Center worked closely with the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM) Helen Bader School of Social Welfare to develop this re-entry program. Therefore, in addition to the services being provided by the Benedict Center, the UWM is performing a study of female offenders while in the program and after they are released from custody. The County should receive a report on the study in 2018. After that, a Request for Proposal may be initiated if it is determined there are other entities that could perform similar programming results.

If this contract is approved, the Benedict Center will continue to provide women's re-entry programming services for the HOC beginning January 1, 2018. The cost for 2018 is the same as the 2017 contract; however, the HOC will be receiving support from 3.2 full-time equivalents (FTEs) which is an increase from 2.9 FTEs in 2017. Additionally, a cognitive program called Makin' it Work, an employability service, has been successfully integrated into the contract.

**Fiscal Effect**

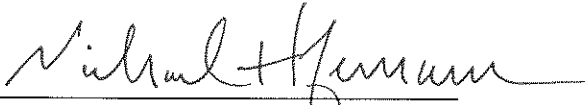
The 2018 contract will cost the same as the current 2017 contract cost of \$198,045 per year. The department's 2018 budget request included sufficient funds for this contract, so there is no direct fiscal impact.

**Recommendation**

Based on the results of current programming, I am recommending that a contract extension with the Benedict Center be approved by the Board of Supervisors for one (1) year more year. A fiscal note form is attached.

I am respectfully requesting that this item be placed on the agenda for the appropriate committee(s) as an action item.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Milwaukee County House of Correction

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