

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

Inter-Office Communication

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

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SUBJECT: **Report from the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting two passive review amendments for 2018 purchase of service contracts for Emergency Shelter Care within the Housing Division**

Issue

The Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is submitting passive review amendments to 2018 purchase of service contracts with Pathfinders Youth Shelter Program and Sojourner Family Peace Center for Emergency Shelter Care to set funding at 2017 levels.

Background

A total of eight contracts for emergency shelter care and related services are recommended for an increase in funding to restore 2018 funding to 2017 levels. Per Wisconsin Stat. § 59.52(31), County Board approval is required for a contract once the aggregate value of all contracts with that agency exceeds \$300,000 and if the value is at least \$100,000, but no greater than \$300,000, passive review is then required. Based on this statutory requirement, six of the emergency shelter contracts require County Board approval and are being considered under a separate report for the January cycle. Contracts with Pathfinders and Sojourner Family Peace Center are included in this report for passive review.

The Housing Division continues to contract with various homeless shelters in the Milwaukee County area. These funds cover general day-to-day operations, provide basic shelter as well as efforts to place individuals into permanent housing. Together, these contracts assist agencies in providing emergency shelter to over 300 persons every night.

The Pathfinders Youth Shelter Program provides emergency housing resources and supportive services to over 200 youth annually. Nearly 150 additional youth receive counseling and resources to prevent them from running away or becoming homeless.

The Sojourner Family Peace Center also operates an emergency shelter. Its mission is to provide shelter, safety, support, education and advocacy to break the cycle of violence. Funding for the Peace Center supports a 37-bed shelter with services for battered women and their children, along with a 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline.

The proposed amendments will enable the contracts to be level funded in 2018.

Recommendation

The contract amendments are being submitted for passive review only. The amendments would

increase the contracts with Pathfinders and Sojourner Family Peace Center in the amounts listed below starting January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018:

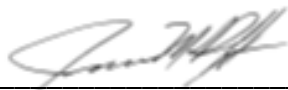
Service	Provider	2018 Contract	2018 Amendment	2018 Adjusted Contract
Emergency Shelter Care	Sojourner Family Peace Center	\$69,817	\$27,151	\$96,968
Emergency Shelter Care	Pathfinders	\$21,600	\$8,400	\$30,000
Total		\$91,417	\$35,551	\$126,968

Fiscal Impact

A total of eight contract amendments to emergency shelter contracts are being recommended by DHHS. Six of these amendments require County Board approval and reflect total expenditures of \$164,449. In addition, two contract amendments for passive review total \$35,551 and are reflected in this report. Therefore, the total expenditure impact of all eight contract amendments is \$200,000.

In the December 2017 cycle, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) requested a fund transfer of \$200,000 from the appropriation for contingency to cover the shortfall because there are no identifiable funds to support these contract amendments. Without County Board approval of the fund transfer, the Housing Division will be at a \$200,000 deficit.

A fiscal note form is attached.



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