

## COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

### Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** January 16, 2018

**TO:** Sup. 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, submitting a passive review amendment to a 2018 professional services contract with Alternatives in Psychological Consultation within the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD)**

#### Issue

Per Wis. Stat. §59.52(31), contracts in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$300,000 require County Board passive review. In accordance with this statute, the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is submitting an amendment to a 2018 professional services contract with Alternatives in Psychological Consultation for passive review.

#### Background

The Psychiatric Nursing Services Program provides psychiatric coverage in the detention center, serving both boys and girls, seven days per week for up to 80 hours per week. These services include psychiatric nursing services, mental health screenings and any follow up services deemed necessary for the youth in the detention center.

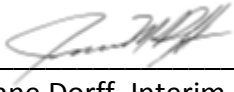
In December 2017, a professional services contract with Alternatives in Psychological Consultation to operate the nursing services program was included in the professional services contracts presented to the County Board. The contract amount of \$165,460 did not include a salary increase for direct care nursing staff. These staff have not received a pay adjustment in the last several years. In order to be competitive and recruit the most qualified nursing staff to work with youth placed in the detention center, the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) is recommending a modest increase to the contract of \$8,130 for nursing salaries and payroll taxes.

#### Recommendation

This contract amendment is being submitted for passive review only. The contract amendment would increase the professional services contract with Alternatives in Psychological Consultation by \$8,130, from \$165,460 to \$173,590, for the time period of February 1 through December 31, 2018.

#### Fiscal Impact

A fiscal note form is attached.



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