

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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

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**SUBJECT:** **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into 2020 professional services contracts for programs within the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)**

**Issue**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to execute 2020 professional services contracts for the DYFS.

**Background**

Since 1970, DHHS has supported a social service delivery system comprised of both directly provided and purchased services. Partnerships with community vendors have allowed DHHS to cooperate and collaborate with various community partners and resources. These partnerships further the opportunities for community participation regarding response to youth's behavior and community safety and are in alignment with the development of the youth justice continuum of care.

The Department conforms to the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to ensure objectivity and fairness in the awarding of professional service contracts. Using authority granted by the Milwaukee County Board, DYFS has contracts that allow for second and third-year contracts without an RFP based on an agency's performance during the previous year.

**Discussion**

The Department is requesting approval to enter into professional services contracts with the agencies listed below for the identified service and contract amounts for the time period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

**Detention Physician and Medical Services**

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is responsible for medically screening all youth admitted to the secure detention center facility. Physicals are also given to youth that remain in detention for more than 24 hours, along with any necessary follow-up care. This contract provides a total of 29 hours of medical coverage per week (Monday through Friday) consisting of

24 hours of coverage by a nurse practitioner and five hours of coverage by a physician.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2019 Contract</b>	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	<b>2019/2020 Variance</b>
Detention Physician and Medical Services	The Medical College of Wisconsin	\$153,844	\$158,248	\$4,404

**Detention Psychiatric Nursing Services**

The Alternatives in Psychological Consultation (APC) is responsible for the provision of 80 hours of psychiatric nursing coverage per week, seven days per week. This consists of psychiatric nursing services, mental health screenings, and follow-up services as necessary for all youth in the secure detention facility. DYFS intends to enter into the following professional services contract with APC:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2019 Contract</b>	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	<b>2019/2020 Variance</b>
Detention Psychiatric Nursing Services	Alternatives in Psychological	\$173,590	\$173,590	\$0

**Pharmaceutical Products/Services**

DYFS plans to continue the contract with Omnicare of Milwaukee (Roeschen’s) to provide medical and pharmaceutical supplies and medications for youth placed in the youth detention center. DYFS intends to enter into the following professional services contract with Omnicare:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2019 Contract</b>	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	<b>2019/2020 Variance</b>
Pharmaceutical Products/Services	Omnicare of Milwaukee	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$0

**Training and Technical Assistance – Bakari Center Residential Treatment Center**

DYFS is continuing the implementation phase for the Residential Treatment Center (RTC) known as Bakari Center, a 24-bed program for boys. The RTC is an alternative to a correctional placement at Lincoln Hills School for Boys and is considered a step down from a correctional placement or as an alternative to a correctional placement. DYFS plans to enter into a contract with Behavioral Affiliates, Inc. for ongoing support of the training, technical assistance and

treatment/programming component for the RTC. DYFS intends to enter into the following contract with Behavioral Affiliates:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2019 Contract</b>	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	<b>2019/2020 Variance</b>
Training and Technical Assistance-RTC	Behavioral Affiliates	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

**Multi-Systemic Therapy - Bakari Center Residential Treatment Center**

Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) is one component of the programming model continuum within the Bakari Center. Every youth works with an MST therapist for up to six months during their time in the residential program, their transition home and through four months after discharge from the residential portion of the program. This contract supports the training of staff and technical assistance to include data collection and analysis. DYFS recommends the following contract with MST:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2019 Contract</b>	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	<b>2019/2020 Variance</b>
Bakari Center – MST training and technical assistance	Multi-Systemic Therapy	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

**Education Services - Bakari House Residential Treatment Center**

DYFS has collaborated with Norris School District to provide educational services to youth while in Bakari Center. Norris will provide the daily educational instruction, special education and advocacy for youth as well as assist with the transition of youth from Bakari back to their homes and new school settings. DYFS recommends the following contract for \$185,000 with Norris School District. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will reimburse for these services as the RTC census increases to capacity.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2019 Contract</b>	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	<b>2019/2020 Variance</b>
Bakari Center – Education Services	Norris School District	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$0

**Technical Assistance & Support – Probation System Review Implementation**

In 2017, DYFS contracted with the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice to conduct a Probation System Review (PSR) that resulted in 18 recommendations for consideration and implementation. DYFS is in the second phase of the implementation of the recommendations and the RFK National Resource Center provides ongoing technical assistance, coaching and support in the implementation phases.

DYFS recommends the following contract with the RFK National Resource Center:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2019 Contract</b>	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	<b>2019/2020 Variance</b>
PSR Implementation	RFK National Resource Center	\$0	\$66,000	\$66,000

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or her designee, to execute the professional services agreements as identified in this report and for the amounts and terms enumerated in the attached resolution.

**Fiscal Impact**

The proposed professional services contracts reflect total expenditures of \$905,838. Sufficient funds have been allocated in the 2020 Budget to cover these costs. A fiscal note form is attached.



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