

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** February 21, 2020

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

**FROM:** Mary Jo Meyers, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
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**SUBJECT:** **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend the 2020 purchase of service contract with Running Rebels Community Organization within the Division of Youth and Family Services**

**Issue**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to expand the 2020 purchase of service contract for the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

**Background**

Milwaukee County continues to build the continuum of care for young people involved in the youth justice system, in alignment with the Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) and Wisconsin Act 185. In December 2019, DYFS received approval under File No. 19-884 to execute a purchase of service contract with Running Rebels Community Organization (RRCO) for a period of January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020 for services related to the Milwaukee County Accountability Program (MCAP).

DYFS and its partners continue to plan and implement new programming into what is currently MCAP. DYFS plans to develop the same programming whether a portion of Vel Phillips remains as MCAP or becomes a SRCCCY. As a result, DYFS is requesting to extend the contract with the current provider, Running Rebels Community Organization, to continue to transition and provide programming, advocacy and supervision.

**Milwaukee County Accountability Program**

MCAP provides intensive supervision, structure, support, and skill-building opportunities for youth who are court ordered into the program. The MCAP includes an out-of-home placement of up to 180 days in a secure setting as well as a transition and aftercare planning and intervention for the young person and family. Each youth is assigned an Advocate from RRCO that engages with the youth, their family and other identified community supports and works with the youth throughout their involvement in the program. Starting in 2020, a Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) group will be started within the MCAP for youth as one component of their programming. Other components include restorative justice practices, individual and family therapy, GPS

monitoring while out in the community on home passes, art participation, education support and other individualized services as needed.

This contract with RRCO would be in effect from May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Service	Provider	January 1 - April 30 Contract	May 1 - December 31 Proposed Amendment	Total 2020 Contract
MCAP	Running Rebels Community Organization	\$178,276	\$356,552	\$534,828

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to enter into a purchase of service contract for the time period of May 1 through December 31, 2020 with Running Rebels Community Organization.

Approval of the recommended contract allocation will allow for the provision of high-priority, services for youth being served by DYFS.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The proposed purchase of service contract reflects total expenditures of \$356,552 for a term of May 1 to December 31, 2020. Sufficient funds have been allocated in the 2020 Budget to cover these costs. A fiscal note form is attached.



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