

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

1:30 PM

Chair: Angela Conley, District 4  
ViceChair: Kevin Anderson, District 7  
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1  
Irene Fernando, District 2  
Marion Greene, District 3  
Debbie Goettel, District 5  
Vacant, District 6

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#### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. April 2, 2024 Minutes

#### 2. New Business

##### Routine Items

2.A. [24-0148](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2406

2.B. [24-0149](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00005375 with HealthEdge Software, Inc., a cloud-based clinical care management system, to add clarification to the change process language, incr NTE by \$100,000

2.C. [24-0150](#)

Amd 1 to JPA A2311714 with City of Mpls for HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter essential services, ext end date to 12/31/27, incr recv by \$100,000

2.D. [24-0151](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt A2211246 with North Memorial Health and the City of Brooklyn Park to continue the existing alternative mental health response in Brooklyn Park, extending the end date to 11/16/22-12/31/26, incr recv by \$88,431, incr NTE by \$400,457

2.E. [24-0152](#)

Amd 1 Agmt A2211538 with the City of Brooklyn Park to continue services of the Hennepin County 911 and Police Embedded Social Worker Program, 03/01/23 - 12/31/25

2.F. [24-0153](#)

Joint Powers Agmt A2412190 with the City of Edina and the City of Richfield, to continue and expand services of the Hennepin County Police Embedded Social Worker Program in Edina and Richfield, 04/01/24-12/31/25

2.G. [24-0154](#)

Joint Powers Agmts A2312132 with the City of Plymouth, A2312133 with the City of St. Louis Park, and A2312134 with the City of Minnetonka, to continue services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker Program, 02/01/24-12/31/25

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# HENNEPIN COUNTY

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300 South Sixth Street  
Minneapolis, MN  
55487-0240

## Board Action Request

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**TMP-1004**

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**Item Description:**

April 2, 2024 Minutes

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

1:30 PM

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Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1  
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Commissioner Angela Conley, Chair, called the meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee for Tuesday, April 2, 2024 to order at 2:26 p.m.

#### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

**Present:** Angela Conley, Kevin Anderson, Jeff Lunde, Irene Fernando, Marion Greene and Debbie Goettel

1.A. March 12, 2024 Minutes

#### APPROVE

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Minutes.**

**Aye:** Chairperson Conley, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Goettel

#### 2. New Business

##### Routine Items

2.A. [24-0123](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2405

#### CONSENT

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Chairperson Conley, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Goettel

2.B. [24-0124](#)

Amd 4 to Agmt A177727 with the MN Dept of Human Services to receive a direct allocation from the Housing Support fund for culturally specific housing services focused on the needs of the Native American community, particularly relating to severe substance use disorder and homelessness, ext end date to 06/30/24, incr recv by \$1,304,951

**CONSENT**

**Vice Chair Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Chairperson Conley, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Goettel

2.C. [24-0125](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt A177729 with the MN Dept of Human Services to receive a direct allocation from the Housing Support fund for emergency shelter and tenancy supports for people with disabling conditions experiencing homelessness, ext end date to 06/30/24, incr recv by \$2,972,675

**CONSENT**

**Vice Chair Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Chairperson Conley, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Goettel

There being no further business, the Health and Human Services Committee for Tuesday, April 2, 2024 was declared adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Maria Rose  
Clerk to the County Board

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### Board Action Request

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**24-0148**

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#### **Item Description:**

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2406

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts, contract amendments and administrative actions of the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation made pursuant to chapters 256E and 393 of Minnesota Statutes, as detailed in Human Services & Public Health Contract Report 2406 be approved; that the report be filed in Contract Management Services; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the contracts, contract amendments, and administrative actions on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed. Such contracts are subject to ministerial adjustment when such adjustments are done within the constraints of the approved Hennepin County Budget and when signed by the County Department Director or Designee.

#### **Background:**

The contracted dollar amounts are based on estimates of program costs and/or utilization during prior periods. Funding for each contract is provided for within service categories in the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation approved annual budgets. Occasionally new services are implemented which are not in the budget, but which are fully funded under state or federal grants or other new funding.

Contracted dollar estimates are based upon prior year usage and are subject to fluctuation in placement patterns, service need, and cost shifts. Therefore, it may be necessary to process ministerial adjustments to contracts to increase or decrease contract amounts or to make minor service changes consistent with the department budget and strategic plan. Placement agreements are also processed administratively.

Contracts include services in the following areas: adult mental health; developmental disabilities; chemical health; adult housing; early intervention and family intervention services, interpreter services, health services, welfare advocacy, and various other human services. Expectations for ongoing outcome measurement are included in all new, renewal, or extended contracts. Outcome measures, which are developed by the county and contracted providers, assess the effectiveness of a service and its impact on an eligible recipient's condition or functioning level. Outcome information is used to modify or improve programs as well as to evaluate effectiveness of different types of intervention and providers. A detailed listing of the specific actions requested by this BAR and an explanation of all unusual items is reflected in the summary of the report.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

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## Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2406

**Date:** 04/18/2024  
**To:** Clerk of the County Board  
**From:** Human Services and Public Health  
**Subject:** BAR Number 24-0148  
**Board Action Date:** 04/30/2024

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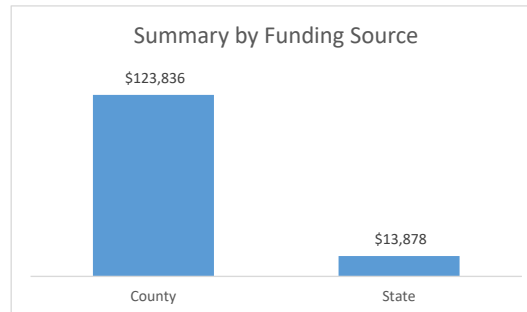
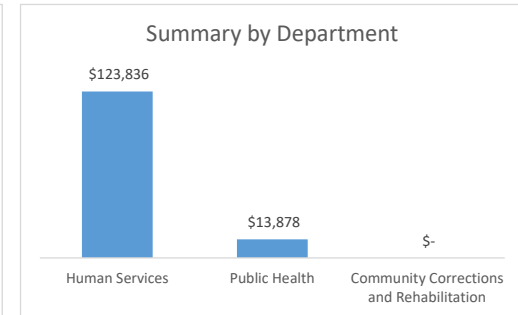
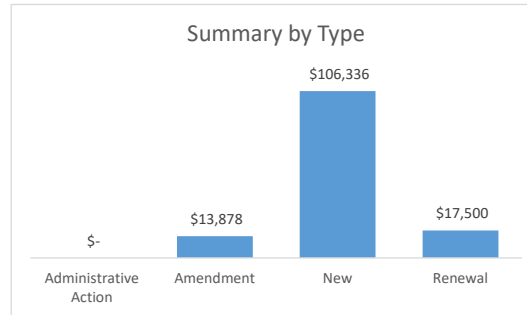
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## Summary of Contract Actions

Action Type/Department/Service Area	# of Actions	Action Total
<b>Administrative Action</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Human Services	1	\$0
<b>Amendment</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$13,878</b>
Human Services	3	\$0
Public Health	3	\$13,878
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	2	\$0
<b>New</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$106,336</b>
Human Services	2	\$106,336
<b>Renewal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>
Human Services	1	\$17,500
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$137,714</b>



# HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA

## Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2406

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**From:** Human Services and Public Health

**Subject:** BAR Number 24-0148

**Board Action Date:** 04/30/2024

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### Summary of Contract Actions

New Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	2	\$ 106,336
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -
Public Health	0	\$ -
Total	2	\$ 106,336

Renewed Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	1	\$ 17,500
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -
Public Health	0	\$ -
Total	1	\$ 17,500

Amended Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	2	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	3	\$ -
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -
Public Health	3	\$ 13,878
Total	8	\$ 13,878

Administrative Actions Description	Contract #
Assignment of recovery support and in-home drug testing services contract from MN Teen Challenge to MN Prevention & Recovery Alliance effective 5/1/24	HS00000981





Vendor	Contract #	Service/Outcome	Service Area	Department	Contract Begin Date	Contract End Date	Previous Contract NTE	New Contract NTE	Funding Source	Notes
<b>New Contracts</b>										
Young Men's Christian Association of the North	PR00006075	Equity in the Workplace training for Children and Family Services staff.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	4/1/2024	12/31/2024	\$0	\$12,000	County	-
The Link	HS00001666	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to homeless youth ages 18 to 24, who are currently experiencing homelessness. Services will include rental housing and support for their overall well-being.	Housing Stability	Human Services	4/1/2024	12/31/2026	\$0	\$94,336	County	-
<b>Renewed Contracts</b>										
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	HS00001648	Legal assistance to low-income Hennepin County residents.	Economic Supports	Human Services	4/1/2024	12/31/2025	\$0	\$17,500	County	-
<b>Amended Contracts</b>										
Canvas Health, Inc.	HS00000907	Brief Intervention (BI) and Prevention, Intervention and Education (PIE) Programs to promote abstinence and prevent relapse among chemical-using and delinquent youth.	Children & Family Services	Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	1/1/2022	9/30/2024	\$100,000	\$100,000	County	Extends to 9/30/24, adds 2024 budget and NTE, and updates exhibit B to revise rates and add reimbursements.
Reach for Resources, Inc.	HS00000316	Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	7/1/2019	12/31/2024	\$0	\$0	County	Updates exhibit B to add payment policy and revise rates.
Regents of the University of Minnesota	HS00001221	Mental health outpatient services for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2024	\$324,000	\$324,000	County	Updates exhibit A to revise outdated MN statute language.
Nurse-Family Partnership	PR00004920	Nurse-Family Partnership Program implementation support.	Public Health Family Health	Public Health	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$228,350	\$242,228	State	Revises 2024 budget and NTE. Strong Foundations grant.
Steps For Change	HS00000604	Psychosexual evaluations & outpatient therapy for those who are 11-21, residing in Hennepin County (HC), and are under the supervision of HC juvenile probation or HSPHD.	Children & Family Services	Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	1/1/2021	12/31/2027	\$5,139,283	\$5,139,283	County	Updates exhibit A to revise performance measures.
DeafBlind Services Minnesota, LLC	HS00000672	Support services for individuals who are deaf/blind and living independently in the community.	Long-Term Services and Supports & Adult Protection	Human Services	1/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$124,000	\$124,000	County	Extends to 12/31/25, updates exhibit A to revise service description and target population, and updates exhibit B to add mileage reimbursement.
Odam Medical Group PLLC	HS00001629	Immunization clinics for immigrants.	Public Health Administration	Public Health	3/1/2024	5/31/2025	\$200,000	\$200,000	State	Updates exhibit A to revise the service narrative and updates exhibit B to revise the unit rate. Statewide Health Improvement Partnership grant.
Restorative Justice Community Action	PR00005367	Community-Led Wellbeing Project.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	7/1/2023	6/30/2024	\$37,800	\$37,800	County	Updates exhibit A to revise scope of services and budget.
<b>Administrative Actions</b>										
MN Prevention & Recovery Alliance, LLC	HS00000981	Assignment of recovery support and in-home drug testing services contract from MN Teen Challenge to MN Prevention & Recovery Alliance effective 5/1/24.								

### Board Action Request

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**24-0149**

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**Item Description:**

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00005375 with HealthEdge Software, Inc., a cloud-based clinical care management system, to add clarification to the change process language, incr NTE by \$100,000

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to the Agreement PR00005375 with HealthEdge Software, Inc., to provide cloud-based software and core health plan functionality including utilization management, transportation authorization, care management, population health, appeals and grievances, analytics and reporting services, adding clarification to the change process language and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$100,000, for a new total not to exceed amount of \$3,146,207 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

**Background:**

Amendment 2 to the Agreement PR00005375 with HealthEdge Software, Inc., to provide cloud-based software and core health plan functionality including utilization management, transportation authorization, care management, population health, appeals and grievances, analytics and reporting services is coming to the Couty Board for approval to clarify the change process language and increase the not to exceed amount by \$100,000.

This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts to improve access to culturally specific/sensitive health services and increase community well-being.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

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### Board Action Request

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**24-0150**

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#### **Item Description:**

Amd 1 to JPA A2311714 with City of Mpls for HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter essential services, ext end date to 12/31/27, incr recv by \$100,000

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Joint Powers Agreement A2311714 with the City of Minneapolis accepting a sub grant of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") funding for emergency shelter essential services, extending the end date through December 31, 2027, and increasing the receivable amount by \$100,000, for a new total receivable amount of \$200,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

#### **Background:**

Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis jointly work together to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. Hennepin County acts as the lead entity in setting strategy and providing services, while the City supports the effort by working to build permanent supportive housing, supporting shelter capital improvements, and directing federal funds that it receives for responding to homelessness in consultation with Hennepin County and community partners. The County and City, together with State, nonprofit and philanthropic partners, have fundamentally reshaped the homelessness response system since March 2020. These requests will serve to streamline homelessness response activities to enable the County to oversee funds and services that are best match for the County's expertise and where it is best situated to do so.

This Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from the City, used for the provision of emergency shelter essential services in alignment with U.S. Department of HUD ESG standards, will provide essential services in emergency shelter for homeless Eligible Persons. These services will include housing focused case management to shelter guests. This includes creating a housing plan in partnership with the shelter guest, connecting the shelter guest to benefits and community resources, breaking down housing barriers, joining with the person to find housing, and connecting them to supportive services once housed. In 2023, Simpson shelter's housing focused case managers helped 61 guests or 36% of guests they provided case management services to obtain housing.

These services are provided through contract HS00001257 with Simpson Housing Services.

Authorization for this Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Minneapolis, A2311714, and acceptance of the funding was approved by the County Board on November 1, 2022 (Resolution 22-0425). The authorized JPA was negotiated and fully executed by April 3, 2023.

#### **Current Request:**

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**24-0150**

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Amend agreement A2311714 with the City of Minneapolis for HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter essential services to increase funding by \$100,000 for a new total receivable amount of \$200,000, and extend the term through December 31, 2027.

**Disparity Reduction:**

This request reduces disparities in the housing domain by coordinating funding assistance and services for people experiencing homelessness. Most often these are people who are members of groups disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

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### Board Action Request

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**24-0151**

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#### **Item Description:**

Amd 1 to Agmt A2211246 with North Memorial Health and the City of Brooklyn Park to continue the existing alternative mental health response in Brooklyn Park, extending the end date to 11/16/22-12/31/26, incr recv by \$88,431, incr NTE by \$400,457

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement A2211246 with North Memorial Health and the City of Brooklyn Park to continue the 911 Alternative Response Team extending the end date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2026, increasing the receivable amount by \$88,431, increasing the NTE by \$400,457 and adding the federal subrecipient addendum be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of agreement funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if agreement funds are no longer available

#### **Background:**

In 2022, Hennepin County launched a pilot to test an alternative 911 response to calls for service involving residents experiencing mental health challenges and co-occurring mental health challenges and substance use disorders. The Department requests approval to establish a 911 Alternative Response Team in Brooklyn Park through this agreement with North Memorial Health and the City of Brooklyn Park.

Amendment 1 of this agreement will extend the contract date range from November 16, 2022 through December 31, 2024, to November 16, 2022 through December 31, 2026, and increase the receivable and expenditure amounts to support the existing positions. The City of Brooklyn Park will cover 60% of 1 full time exempt (FTE) senior social worker. The County will fund the remaining 40% of this position with federal grant funding. In turn, the County will support the North Memorial Health contract for 1 FTE community paramedic. The 1 FTE senior social worker and 1 FTE community paramedic comprise a 911 Alternative Response Team, designed after a successful model in Denver. In partnership with the Brooklyn Park Police Department and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, the teams will respond to low-risk 911 calls for service involving Brooklyn Park residents with mental health, substance use, and social service needs. Among the 39 suburban cities served by Hennepin County Sheriff's Office 911 dispatch, Brooklyn Park Police Department experiences the highest volume of mental health calls.

Since 2014, Hennepin County's Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Initiative (CJBHI) has successfully implemented more than a dozen mental health and justice reform projects, following evidence-based guidelines from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the GAINS Center's Sequential Intercept framework for integrating mental health reforms across all aspects of local justice systems. This service supports Hennepin County's ability to broaden implementation of the four services required by best practice under the Sequential Intercept model- (1) 911 call center support and linkages; (2) Mobile crises response (3) Walk-in/drop-off behavioral health facilities; and (4) Stabilization and

follow up services. The Alternative Response Team expands opportunities for appropriate responses and resident access to a broad range of behavioral health supports in the community.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

### Board Action Request

24-0152

#### Item Description:

Amd 1 Agmt A2211538 with the City of Brooklyn Park to continue services of the Hennepin County 911 and Police Embedded Social Worker Program, 03/01/23 - 12/31/25

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 of Agreement A2211538 with the City of Brooklyn Park to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) associated with the 911 and Police Embedded Social Worker Program, during the period of March 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025, be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of agreement funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if agreement funds are no longer available.

#### Background:

On March 13, 2023, Agreement A2211538 was approved. Amendment 1 is now replacing the original agreement. The Department requests approval for this Joint Powers Agreement to continue services with three Police Embedded Social Workers in the City of Brooklyn Park March 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. Costs associated with Embedded Social Workers will be 60% covered by partner cities and 40% covered by a combination of administrative revenue and Vulnerable Adult/Developmental Disability Targeted Case Management (VA/DD-TCM) billing.

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**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

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### Board Action Request

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**24-0153**

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#### **Item Description:**

Joint Powers Agmt A2412190 with the City of Edina and the City of Richfield, to continue and expand services of the Hennepin County Police Embedded Social Worker Program in Edina and Richfield, 04/01/24-12/31/25

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreement A2412190 with the City of Edina and the City of Richfield to establish a 911 Alternative Response which will enhance coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) as a part of the Police Embedded Social Worker Program for the period of April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amended Joint Powers Agreements on behalf of the county.

#### **Background:**

In 2022, Hennepin County launched a pilot to test an alternative 911 response to calls for service involving residents experiencing mental health challenges and co-occurring mental health challenges and substance use disorders. The Department requests approval to establish a 911 Alternative Response Team in Edina and Richfield through this agreement and to build on success realized by the pilot in Brooklyn Park.

This systematic and layered approach allows for a tailored assessment and response for residents who engage law enforcement because of mental health and substance use needs. These programs leverage grants, billing, property taxes, and a cost share with police departments to finance the costs.

Through the program, Embedded Social Workers respond to referrals and offer support, assessments, and connections to community services. The goal of the program is to reduce criminal justice system involvement and create timely access to social services. The integration of social workers into emergency response reduces unnecessary law enforcement contacts and raises quality of life for individuals through ongoing stability in their community.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval



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**24-0154**

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#### **Item Description:**

Joint Powers Agmts A2312132 with the City of Plymouth, A2312133 with the City of St. Louis Park, and A2312134 with the City of Minnetonka, to continue services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker Program, 02/01/24-12/31/25

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreements A2312132 with the City of Plymouth, A2312133 with the City of St. Louis Park and A2312134 with the City of Minnetonka, to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) associated with the Embedded Social Worker Program for the period of February 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreements on behalf of the county.

#### **Background:**

In 2019, six suburban cities (Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Plymouth and St. Louis Park) partnered with Hennepin County's Behavioral Health Area to launch a new kind of response to mental health-related calls by embedding social workers in their police departments. This systematic and layered approach allows for a tailored assessment and response for residents who engage law enforcement because of mental health and substance use needs. As of 2023, all police departments in Hennepin County had access to an embedded social worker. These programs leverage grants, billing, property taxes, and a cost share with police departments to finance the costs.

Through the program, Embedded Social Workers respond to referrals and offer support, assessments, and connections to community services. The goal of the program is to reduce criminal justice system involvement and create timely access to social services. The integration of social workers into emergency response reduces unnecessary law enforcement contacts and raises quality of life for individuals through ongoing stability in their community. In 2023 we have received referrals for nearly 7,000 residents across 31 police departments that support 46 cities.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

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#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreements A2312127 with the City of Eden Prairie, A2312131 with the 7 Police Departments Consortium including South Lake, Orono, Deephaven, Wayzata, Minnetrista, Medina, Corcoran, A2312129 with the City of Hopkins, A2312130 with the City of Edina, to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) associated with the Embedded Social Worker Program for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreements on behalf of the county.

#### **Background:**

In 2019, six suburban cities (Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Plymouth, and St. Louis Park) partnered with Hennepin County's Behavioral Health Area to launch a new kind of response to mental health-related calls by embedding social workers in their police departments. This systematic and layered approach allows for a tailored assessment and response for residents who engage law enforcement because of mental health and substance use needs. As of 2023, all police departments in Hennepin County had access to an embedded social worker. These programs leverage grants, billing, property taxes, and a cost share with police departments to finance the costs.

Through the program, Embedded Social Workers respond to referrals and offer support, assessments, and connections to community services. The goal of the program is to reduce criminal justice system involvement and create timely access to social services. The integration of social workers into emergency response reduces unnecessary law enforcement contacts and raises quality of life for individuals through ongoing stability in their community. In 2023 we have received referrals for nearly 7,000 residents across 31 police departments that support 46 cities.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval