

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

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  
Chris LaTondresse, District 6

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#### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. August 1, 2023 Minutes - Health and Human Services

#### 2. New Business

##### Routine Items

2.A. [23-0313](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2311

2.B. [23-0314](#)

A2311860 with the MN Dept of Health for funding of State-wide asthma program that is connecting children diagnosed with asthma to needed healthcare services and community resources, 09/01/23-06/30/24, \$63,000 (recv)

2.C. [23-0315](#)

Amd 6 to Agmt PR00001249 with Cirdan Health Systems, Inc., for actuarial and consulting services to Hennepin Health, ext end date to 08/31/24, incr NTE by \$683,000

2.D. [23-0316](#)

Agmt A2311869 with Washburn Center for Children to provide behavioral health services to children in Minneapolis Public Schools, 09/01/23-06/30/26, \$273,792 (recv)

2.E. [23-0317](#)

Agmt A2311866 with U.S. Dept of HUD to accept grant funds for the Continuum of Care for the Homeless Planning Project, 12/01/23-11/30/24, \$409,106 (recv)

2.F. [23-0318](#)

Agmt A2311864 with U.S. Dept of HUD Continuum of Care Program to accept grant funds for rapid rehousing services for homeless families, 01/01/24-12/31/24, \$1,489,402 (recv)

### Items for Discussion and Action

2.G. [23-0319](#)

Agmt A2311867 with MN Housing Finance Agency to accept grant funds for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for homelessness prevention and Rapid Re-Housing services for homeless persons, 10/01/23-09/30/25, \$13,550,000 (recv); supp appr of \$1,620,000 to the HSPH 2023 budget; 2 limited duration and 3 permanent FTEs

### Addendum

2.H. [23-0325](#)

Agmt A2311849 with U.S. Dept of HUD Community Project Funding program to accept grant funds for emergency shelter capital costs, 09/01/23-08/31/30, \$500,000 (recv)

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### Board Action Request

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**TMP-0332**

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**Item Description:**

August 1, 2023 Minutes - Health and Human Services

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

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### COMMITTEE MINUTES

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023  
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  
Chris LaTondresse, District 6

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Commissioner Conley, Chair, called the meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee for Tuesday, August 1, 2023 to order at 2:23 p.m.

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

#### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. July 11, 2023 Health and Human Services Committee Minutes

#### APPROVE

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

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

#### 2. New Business

##### Routine Items

2.A. [23-0280](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2310

#### CONSENT

**Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

2.B. [23-0281](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR0004531 with Spokesman & Recorder Publishing Company to promote and share information about Hennepin Health plans and reach specialized audiences for health plan promotion purposes, ext end date to 08/14/24, incr NTE by \$4,583

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

**Items for Discussion and Action**

2.C. [23-0282](#)

Agmt A2311820 and Agmt A2311817 with Community Solutions to accept grant funding to staff and support work to end chronic homelessness, 07/01/23-06/30/25, \$237,315 (recv) and \$247,296 (recv), add 2 FTEs to HSPH 2023 budget

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

2.D. [23-0283](#)

Agmt A2311819 with the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services for the Healthy Communities Healthy You Project for the Better Together Hennepin Program, 07/01/23-06/30/24, \$1,972,000 (recv), Supp Appr for 2023 \$821,667

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

**Addendum**

2.E. [23-0298](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt A2211239 with MN DEED to provide employment services and supports to individuals with mental health challenges, adding an eligible expense for services building job seeking skills, no change to dates or amt

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

2.F. [23-0299](#)

Agmt A2311797 with MN DEED-Rehab Services, accepting grant funding to provide extended employment services expiring on 08/31/23, \$83,171 (recv)

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

2.G. [23-0300](#)

Agmt A2311832 with MN DEED-Rehab Services accepting grant funding, 07/01/23-06/30/24, \$275,546 (recv)

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

2.H. [23-0301](#)

Joint Powers Agmts A2311578 with the West Hennepin Public Safety and A2311577 with the City of Osseo, to expand services of the Hennepin County 911 Embedded Social Worker Program, 03/01/23-12/31/24

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

2.I. [23-0302](#)

Joint Powers Agmt A2311749 with the Univ of MN, to continue services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker Program, 08/01/23-12/31/25

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.**

**Aye:** Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Goettel and Commissioner LaTondresse

There being no further business, the Health and Human Services Committee for August 1, 2023 was declared adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Karen L Keller  
Deputy Clerk to the County Board

### Board Action Request

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**23-0313**

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**Item Description:**

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2311

**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 2311 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



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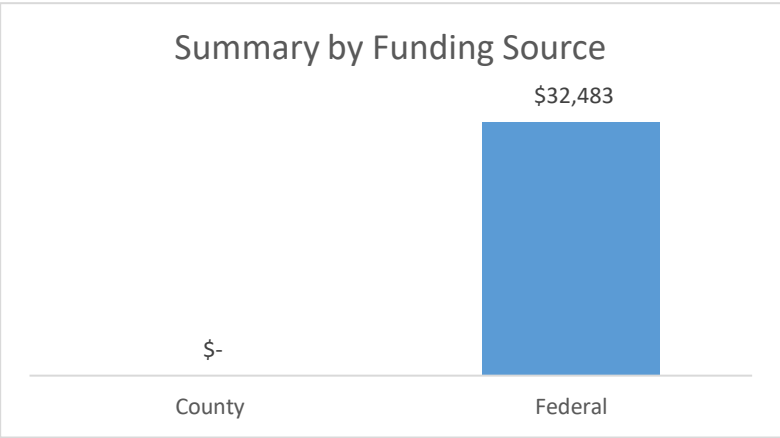
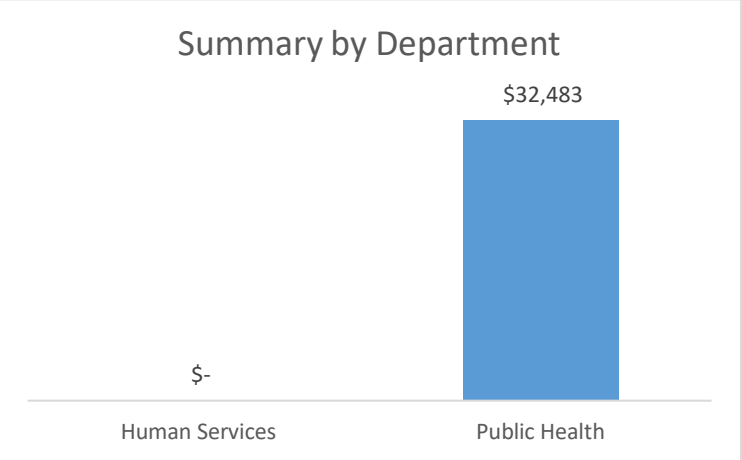
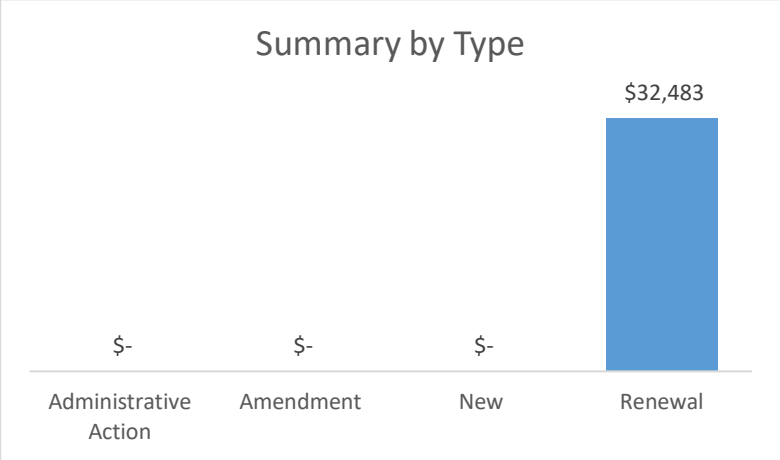
Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2311

**Date:** 08/10/2023  
**To:** Clerk of the County Board  
**From:** Human Services and Public Health  
**Subject:** BAR Number 23-0313  
**Board Action Date:** 08/22/2023

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Summary of Contract Actions

Action Type/Department/Service Area	# of Actions	Action Total
<b>Administrative Action</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>Amendment</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Human Services</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Renewal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$32,483</b>
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$32,483</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$32,483</b>



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## Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2311

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**To:** Clerk of the County Board  
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### Summary of Contract Actions

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

Renewed Contracts			
Department	Number	Amount	
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$	-
Hennepin Health	0	\$	-
Human Services	0	\$	-
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$	-
Public Health	1	\$	32,483
Total	1	\$	32,483

Amended Contracts			
Department	Number	Amount	
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$	-
Hennepin Health	0	\$	-
Human Services	0	\$	-
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$	-
Public Health	0	\$	-
Total	0	\$	-

Administrative Actions Description	Contract #
-	-



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>										
Keystone Newport News, LLC, dba Newport News Behavioral Health Center Limited Liability Company	HS00001384	Residential treatment services for Eligible Persons ages 8-18.	Children and Family Services	Human Services	7/1/2023	6/30/2024	\$0	\$0	County	-
<b>Renewed Contracts</b>										
City of Minneapolis	HS00001406	Plan, implement, and evaluate the Health Mentor Model Project with individuals who are 19 years old and younger with an elevated need.	Public Health Family Health	Public Health	7/1/2023	6/30/2024	\$0	\$32,483	Federal	Office of Population Affairs funding.
<b>Amended Contracts</b>										
None	-	-							-	-
<b>Administrative Actions</b>										
None	-	-								

### Board Action Request

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**23-0314**

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**Item Description:**

A2311860 with the MN Dept of Health for funding of State-wide asthma program that is connecting children diagnosed with asthma to needed healthcare services and community resources, 09/01/23-06/30/24, \$63,000 (recv)

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311860 with the Minnesota Department of Health for supporting the work by Community Health Workers (CHWs) or other staff employed by NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center to connect children with asthma diagnosis to needed healthcare services during the period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the receivable amount of \$63,000, 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 accept and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that acceptance of grant funding for the 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:**

In November 2022 MDH contacted NorthPoint healthcare providers and indicated that the clinic is in a priority area for MDH's asthma program. The program is described in this document: *Asthma in Minnesota A Strategic Framework - 2021-2030*. Zip code 55411 where Northpoint Health and Wellness is located and adjacent zip code 55412 are two of the five highest metro area zip codes for children's asthma-related emergency room visits. MDH's program is looking for effective ways to impact asthma control in these high-asthma ED visit zip codes.

MDH seeks to achieve measurable gains by increased follow-up with asthma patients to ensure proper inhaler use, to promote regular use of controller medications, and to recruit to in-home environmental assessments through the City of Minneapolis. With training and oversight, Community Health Workers could perform all these tasks, as-well-as helping with patient education and care coordination.

The tasks include connecting children newly diagnosed with asthma or who have asthma that is not well controlled ensuring that they understand information transmitted by provider and coordinating care between the clinic, schools, and other community programs. This will also assist with ensuring proper inhaler use and providing asthma-triggering information.

Hennepin County and MDH have a vision for health equity, where all communities are thriving, and all people have what they need to be healthy. Health equity is achieved when every person has the opportunity for full health potential. NorthPoint agrees to undertake work to improve asthma control among patients experiencing disparate asthma prevalence and outcomes.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

### Board Action Request

23-0315

#### Item Description:

Amd 6 to Agmt PR00001249 with Cirdan Health Systems, Inc., for actuarial and consulting services to Hennepin Health, ext end date to 08/31/24, incr NTE by \$683,000

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 6 to Agreement PR00001249 with Cirdan Health Systems, Inc. to provide Hennepin Health with actuarial and consulting services, extending the end date to August 31, 2026 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$683,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$3,383,000, 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 dispense funds as directed.

#### Background:

Cirdan Health Systems Inc. has provided actuarial and consulting services to Hennepin Health (formerly known as MHP) since 2001. An Actuarial Services RFQ was conducted in 2017 and Cirdan Health Systems Inc. was selected.

This contract provides actuarial, consulting, and financial analysis support in the following capacities:

#### Professional and Actuarial Support Services:

- Prepare and assist in the development of quarterly reserves for the months ending September 2023, December 2023, March 2024, and June 2024
- Prepare the annual actuarial opinion of actuarial assets and liabilities, related actuarial memorandum, and actuarial report
- Support MN DHS data submissions and help reconcile transactional data to audited financials where appropriate. Provide miscellaneous/other adjustment data and review final report.
- Provide assistance as necessary to support DHS contract rate negotiations. This includes:
  - Attending meetings
  - Analyzing benefit changes initiated by the legislature or DHS
  - Assisting in the development of the negotiation strategy
  - Review and rebuttal DHS actuarial rate memorandums
  - Performing ad hoc analyses in support of HH negotiation positions
- Develop and maintain a process to create, reconcile, and submit HH's encounter data; including actionable error reporting:
  - DHS encounter data. Participate in DHS encounter data work groups; assess the impact of submissions on revenues and performance measures
  - RHC submissions and related support
  - Any submission of FQHC claims as requested by Hennepin Health
  - Load carve-out claim data from DHS for immediate use for crucial analyses (e.g., PCA, FQHC, IHS, Dental, etc.)
  - MDH OnPoint encounter data submissions
  - Provide access to the Cirdan Encounter Analytics and Oversight (EAO) tool

- Provide miscellaneous assistance to Hennepin Health as requested, including:
  - Review projections and budgets developed by HH finance staff
  - Produce quarterly reports summarizing inpatient and ambulatory services for NAIC exhibits
  - Support the HH ACO Finance Committee work group and attend monthly meetings as scheduled
  - Attend meetings of the finance/operations work group expected to occur weekly
  - Maintain a detailed claim database to support the preparation of the DHS rate data submissions and any ad hoc analyses requested by HH.

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

### Board Action Request

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**23-0316**

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**Item Description:**

Agmt A2311869 with Washburn Center for Children to provide behavioral health services to children in Minneapolis Public Schools, 09/01/23-06/30/26, \$273,792 (recv)

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED that Agreement A2311869 with the Washburn Center for Children for provision of on-site behavioral health services to children enrolled at Minneapolis Public Schools and assistance to their families and school staff to build capacity in order to meet the needs of students with behavioral health concerns during the period September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 in the receivable amount of \$273,792, 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 accept and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that acceptance of grant funding for the 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:**

In October 2019 NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center began to perform behavioral health services as a subcontractor (Hennepin County Contract A199551) to Washburn Center for Children (WCC) at various Minneapolis Public School sites. The State of Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) awarded WCC a grant under which NorthPoint helped provide needed behavioral health resources to children enrolled at Minneapolis Public School sites. This new contract continues the provision of school-based behavioral health services.

The DHS grant with WCC seeks to provide early identification and intervention for students with behavioral health needs and to build the capacity of schools to support students with behavioral health needs in the classroom.

Furthermore the key strategies of this work include: infrastructure development to integrate behavioral health care with publicly funded educational settings, support the expansion and sustainability of long term school based behavioral health services, to coordinate and deliver culturally and developmentally appropriate school based behavioral health services to students and families, particularly children who are uninsured or underinsured, to provide consultation to school staff, to expand the clinical capacity to provide services that effectively utilize existing and emerging research to inform all treatment, and improve clinical and functional outcomes for students and their families.

Hennepin County and DHS have a vision for health equity, where all communities are thriving, and all people have what they need to be healthy. The schools where NorthPoint's Behavioral Health staff will be providing services are in areas experiencing disparity in available behavioral health services. The contract with WCC will allow NorthPoint staff to address those behavioral health disparities and improve health outcomes at school-based sites.



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**23-0316**

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**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

### Board Action Request

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**23-0317**

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**Item Description:**

Agmt A2311866 with U.S. Dept of HUD to accept grant funds for the Continuum of Care for the Homeless Planning Project, 12/01/23-11/30/24, \$409,106 (recv)

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311866 with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program to accept grant funds for the Hennepin County Continuum of Care for the Homeless Planning Project to develop and implement a comprehensive homeless response system that includes coordinated entry, data quality and analysis, performance measures and evaluation, and other related systems, during the period December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2024, in the receivable amount of \$409,106, 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 accept and disburse the 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 continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

**Background:**

In 2012 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) adopted the Interim Rule for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program to implement the HEARTH Act amendments to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. These new regulations for the CoC program provided for planning funding for local CoCs to assist them to plan and develop systems to better comply with the HEARTH Act, especially regarding CoC governance, establishment and operation of a coordinated entry and assessment system, and performance standards and evaluation of CoC Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded programs.

Since 2012, HUD has included the CoC planning project as part of the Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) and Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Hennepin County has applied for and been awarded this funding in every NOFA/NOFO since then. The last award of \$406,718 (FY2021), Agreement A2211368, was approved by Board Resolution 22-0338 on September 13, 2022.

Hennepin County applied for and was awarded FY2022 planning grant funding in the amount of \$409,106 in this grant agreement. The fiscal year 2022 CoC funds are provided by HUD for planning activities of the Hennepin County CoC, to assure that the CoC has a comprehensive homeless response system which includes data-driven performance metrics that are standard across our system. To comply with regulatory requirements, these funds will be used for a variety of concurrent planning activities, which include the following: development and implementation of a coordinated entry system; review and evaluation of individual providers and systemwide performance metrics; Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data quality and system planning; and assuring a fair and transparent process for developing these elements, including local community stakeholders - particularly people with lived experience of homelessness through our Lived Experience Advisory Group and Youth Action Board - and federal, state, and local government partners.

**Impact/Outcomes:** This funding supports activities that assure a data-driven response to homelessness in the community, including reducing disparities and improving housing outcomes for people.

**Disparity Reduction:** This request reduces disparities in the housing domain by supporting planning, data analysis, and evaluation activities for Hennepin County's homeless response system, including the coordinated entry system. This planning and these analyses identify, measure, and help to address racial and other disparities in those systems, and to improve housing outcomes for people experiencing homelessness, who are most often people who are members of groups disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

### Board Action Request

23-0318

#### Item Description:

Agmt A2311864 with U.S. Dept of HUD Continuum of Care Program to accept grant funds for rapid rehousing services for homeless families, 01/01/24-12/31/24, \$1,489,402 (recv)

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311864 with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program to accept grant funds for the provision of rapid rehousing services for homeless families during the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in the receivable amount of \$1,489,402, 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 accept and disburse the 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 continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

#### Background:

Historically, Hennepin County has been awarded two, separate U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program grants for the provision of home finding services and rental assistance for homeless families. These funds are renewed annually, and Hennepin County has received these funds for multiple years. Most recently, these grants were renewed through Agreement Agmt A2211392 (Board Resolution 22-0368) and Agmt A2211391 (Board Resolution 22-0367), both on September 27, 2022.

Families being served by the rapid rehousing program have multiple barriers to housing. Families are assisted with locating and accessing housing while they are in shelter and transitioning to their new housing. Once in housing, families receive supportive services to help maintain housing stability, increase their incomes, and access community-based resources. The program's primary goal is that 80% of the families served will be stabilized in permanent, decent, affordable housing and will not return to shelter, measured by looking at shelter re-entries after housing placement services end (particularly the 12 month period after services end). All school-aged children served in the program are connected with their school's McKinney-Vento homeless liaison while in shelter to ensure that they are able to attend school regularly while in shelter and once the family moves into housing.

Hennepin County will contract with Agate Housing and Services (formerly St. Stephen's Human Services), Simpson Housing, and The Link for the provision of these services.

**Recent annual outputs and outcomes:** 185 households (588 people) were served for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. In 2022, 83% of households successfully transitioned into permanent housing. Returns to homelessness data will be available in early 2024-12 months after grant year end.

**Disparity reduction:** This request reduces disparities in the housing domain by funding assistance and services that quickly move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing. Most often these are people who are members of groups disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

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### Board Action Request

23-0319

#### Item Description:

Agmt A2311867 with MN Housing Finance Agency to accept grant funds for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for homelessness prevention and Rapid Re-Housing services for homeless persons, 10/01/23-09/30/25, \$13,550,000 (recv); supp appr of \$1,620,000 to the HSPH 2023 budget; 2 limited duration and 3 permanent FTEs

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311867 with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program, providing funds for homeless prevention and Rapid Re-Housing services during the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025, in the receivable amount of \$13,550,000, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse the funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation of \$1,620,000 to the 2023 Human Services and Public Health budget, including an addition of 1.0 Limited Duration FTE Case Management Assistant position, 1.0 Limited Duration FTE Office Specialist III position, and 3.0 Permanent FTE Human Services Representative positions, be approved; 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 continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if these grant funds are not made available or when grant funds are no longer available.

#### Background:

The Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) was created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1993 as an outcome-oriented grant intended to address issues of homelessness for families with children, single adults, and youth. Hennepin County has been a grantee since 1993. Most recently, the board accepted FHPAP funding on August 17, 2021 (Board Resolution 21-0321). Hennepin County has been successful in utilizing federal funds to further expand the FHPAP services since 1995.

FHPAP services are aimed at preventing homelessness and quickly re-housing people who become homeless. These include financial assistance to help prevent households from becoming homeless and Rapid Re-Housing services to help families, singles, and youth obtain housing. Services also include case management to help households stabilize in the community and work toward self-identified goals.

The Human Services outcome-focused model is considered a national best practice by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. The FHPAP service model has been widely replicated across the country.

The following are the major outcomes results for the first twenty-one months of the current grant period biennium - October 1st, 2021 to March 31, 2023:

1. Percent of households that exited the program to permanent housing:

- a. Homeless prevention: 89% (173 households)
- b. Rapid rehousing: 71% (333 households)
2. Percent of adults that maintained or increased their income at program exit:
  - a. Homeless prevention: 74% (142 individuals)
  - b. Rapid rehousing: 72% (190 individuals)
3. Average number of days for households to move from homelessness into housing:
  - a. Rapid rehousing (only): 75 days

Prevention and Rapid Rehousing providers have been intentionally selected because of their ability to provide culturally specific services. For RRH this includes AICDC for the Native American Community and Edith House which prioritizes services to the African American community, primarily single adults, with both providers subject to available referrals from the Coordinated Entry System. Community Mediation and Restorative Services, Inc. (CMRS) prioritizes services to the African-American community, as does Isuroon.

Households served this biennium have dominantly been people of color, at 84% of Head of Households, and vs. 27% of people county-wide who identify as persons of color. The majority served have been African American heads of household (65%), Native American, (7%) and people identifying as more than one race (9%).

Minnesota Housing requires that the county evaluate outcomes through a racial equity lens. Hennepin County is working to monitor program outcomes for disparities and review/adjust programs and services to address any identified disparities in outcomes.

Organizations funded to provide services through this grant include:

- Agate Housing + Services (Formerly St. Stephen's Human Services)
- Catholic Charities
- Comunidades Latinos En Servicios (CLUES)
- Community Mediation and Restorative Services, Inc. (CMRS)
- Edith House
- Isuroon
- Lutheran Social Services
- Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC)
- American Indian Community Development Corporation
- Simpson Housing
- The Aliveness Project
- The Link
- Vail Place
- Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
- YouthLink

This funding will also support Hennepin County's administration of direct assistance for the Homeless Prevention. To accomplish this, the grant will support 3.5 current positions (3.0 Limited Duration FTE Human Services Representative and 0.5 Permanent FTE Human Services Supervisor positions) and the addition of 1.0 Limited Duration FTE Case Management Assistant position, 1.0 Limited Duration FTE Office Specialist III position, and 3.0 Permanent FTE Human Services Representative positions.

**Current Action:** Approve Agreement A2311867 and accept \$13,550,000 in funding from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's FHPAP for the 2023-25 biennium (10/01/21-09/30/25). This funding will support Hennepin County's and selected provider's work in providing homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services.

**Disparity Reduction:** Work under this program is specifically targeted at reducing racial disparities and helps provide housing stability to people affected by systemic racism and the related impacts on education, income, and housing.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

### Board Action Request

23-0325

#### Item Description:

Agmt A2311849 with U.S. Dept of HUD Community Project Funding program to accept grant funds for emergency shelter capital costs, 09/01/23-08/31/30, \$500,000 (recv)

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311849 with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Project Funding program, which was made pursuant to the authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) and the Explanatory Statement for Division L of that Act, to accept grant funds for the development of an emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness, during the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2030, in the receivable amount of \$500,000, 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 accept and disburse the funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to implement the above resolving clause, the County Administrator is authorized to negotiate an Agreement with Simpson Housing Services for eligible costs for the development of an emergency shelter facility from September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 in a total not to exceed amount of \$500,000; and following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and the Controller be authorized to transfer or 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 continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

#### Background:

Hennepin County is the recipient of grant number B-22-CP-MN-0504 in the amount of \$500,000, for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for the purposes of Community Project Funding (CPF)/Congressionally Directed Spending, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Hennepin County has selected Simpson Housing Services Inc. (SHS) as the sub-recipient for this funding, for the purposes of construction on the Simpson Community Shelter and Apartments, which aligns with the purpose of "Emergency Shelter Program."

The Simpson Community Shelter and Apartments Project, proposed by local non-profit leaders Simpson Housing Services (SHS) and Project for Pride in Living (PPL), will replace the Simpson emergency shelter, which was housed in the basement of the Simpson United Methodist Church from 1982 until January 2023 and located at 2740 1st Avenue South in Minneapolis. Now and during construction, Simpson emergency shelter is located at Zion Lutheran Church at 128 West 33rd Street in Minneapolis with a bed capacity of 64, increasing to 70 when the Simpson Community Shelter and Apartments Project is complete. The project will also add a total of 42 units of affordable housing and a service space to provide intensive services to people staying in shelter and permanent housing.

Total construction costs are \$41.6 million, \$26.6 million for the emergency shelter component. In 2021,



Hennepin County approved \$3,500,000 in pandemic recovery funds (BAR 21-0378), which were transferred to the City of Minneapolis to manage (RCA-2021-01220) in addition to the City's own \$3,500,000 commitment for the emergency shelter component. This request would bring the total County commitment to \$4,000,000, resulting in a total local commitment of \$7,500,000.

This will ensure that Simpson can continue providing emergency shelter as part of our homeless response system. Given ongoing demand for emergency shelter for adults experiencing homelessness, the community cannot afford to lose this resource. The new facility improves upon spacing and separation of sleeping spaces by doing away with bunk beds, adding space between sleeping areas, and reducing the number of guests sleeping in each room. These measures, along with the on-site health clinic, make for much safer shelter operations. Finally, Simpson will be able to build on what has been accomplished so far in providing emergency shelter for adults experiencing homelessness and implement a safe, healthy, person-focused, and housing-focused program.

Approval of this request will fulfill the funding needed for the emergency shelter component and assist in the whole project moving forward.

Current request: This board action will approve Agreement A2311849 with the US Department of HUD and accept \$500,000 in HUD Community Project Funding for eligible costs relating to the development of a new Simpson emergency shelter facility for adults experiencing homelessness, as part of the larger permanent supportive housing, shelter, and service center project at the site of the Simpson United Methodist Church building.

Disparity reduction: This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts by funding an emergency shelter facility for adults experiencing homelessness, most of whom are disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval