

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 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

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. June 13, 2023 Health and Human Services Minutes

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [23-0262](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2309

2.B. [23-0263](#)

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2.C. [23-0264](#)

Agmt A2311804 with Substance and Mental Health Services Administration accepting a federal grant for Community Crisis Response Partnerships, 09/30/23-09/29/24, \$735,353 (recv)

Addendum

2.D. [23-0274](#)

Agmt A2311818, a Joint Powers Agreement with the MN Dept of Veteran Affairs for mutual cooperation and to accept funding for services for veterans experiencing homelessness, 07/01/23- 06/30/24, \$300,000 (recv)

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Board Action Request

TMP-0238

Item Description:

June 13, 2023 Health and Human Services Minutes

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BOARD MINUTES

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Commissioner Angela Conley, Chair, called the meeting of the Health and Human Services for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 to order at 2:25 p.m.

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

Commissioner Irene Fernando presented a summary of the visit from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra.

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. 5/23/23 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Chris LaTondresse moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, 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. [23-0236](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2308

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to consent the Resolution .

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

2.B. [23-0237](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt A199673 with the MN Dept of Human Services accepting grant funding

for the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, revising contract terms, incr recv by \$7,925

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to consent the Resolution .

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

2.C. [23-0238](#)

Amd 6 to Agmt A199498 with the MN Dept of Human Services for Ryan White Program Part B HIV/AIDS services, 04/01/19-03/31/24, decrease recv by \$2,309,002 for funds not spent

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to consent the Resolution .

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

2.D. [23-0239](#)

Agmt 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, 07/01/23-06/30/28, with two optional one-year extensions through 2030, NTE \$2,708,552

CONSENT

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

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

Items for Discussion and Action

2.E. [23-0240](#)

Authorization to receive funds from the Pohlad Family Foundation to purchase system modifications for a software tool used to process rent assistance

CONSENT

Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to consent 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 June 13, 2023 was declared adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

23-0262

Item Description:

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2309

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 2309 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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Board Action Request

23-0263

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmt A2311580 with the Federal Health Resources Services Administration for expanding COVID-19 Vaccinations for the Hennepin County Health Care for the Homeless program, 12/01/22-12/31/23, \$27,500 (recv), supp appr \$109,269

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement A2311580 with the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for expanding COVID-19 Vaccinations (ECV) for the Hennepin County Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program from December 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023 with the receivable amount of \$27,500 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 a supplemental appropriation be made to increase the Public Health's 2023 adopted budget by \$109,269; 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:

Through Resolution 23-0069, the county has previously accepted \$81,769 from the HRSA Health Center Program. Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) has now been awarded additional funds with an extended funding period to expand COVID-19 vaccination levels and increase vaccine rates in the homeless population. These funds will support HCH personnel to:

- Provide outreach, education, and distribute educational materials through formal and informal connections with providers to share information and address vaccination related questions.
- Administer vaccinations at HCH service sites.

These funds will also allow for budget relief for personnel to support the vaccination, outreach, and educational activities with community partners.

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts in the health domain by providing vaccination education, outreach and vaccination services to persons experiencing homelessness.

APEX Coding
Dept ID: 532099
Project ID: 1009894
Activity Code: PROGR
Account: 42060
Amount: \$109,269.00

23-0263

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

23-0264

Item Description:

Agmt A2311804 with Substance and Mental Health Services Administration accepting a federal grant for Community Crisis Response Partnerships, 09/30/23-09/29/24, \$735,353 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A22311804 with the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration Community Crisis Response Partnerships for the period September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2024 in the receivable amount of \$735,353 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Services and Public Health Department be authorized to receive a supplemental appropriation of \$183,838 to the 2023 department budget from agreement A2311804 with the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration accepting a federal grant for Community Crisis Response Partnerships including 1 existing Sr. SW FTE, and the additions of 1 Sr. SW FTE to be funded during the period September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2024.

Background:

This Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant is a four-year funding opportunity, with Year One funding made available in the amount of \$735,353. Grant allocations for subsequent years are awarded on an annual basis. The total for all four years is \$2,972,821.

Through this grant, Hennepin County will implement an additional 911 Alternative Mental Health Response (ALT) in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota that will respond to low-risk 911 calls for service involving Brooklyn Park residents experiencing mental health challenges and co-occurring mental health challenges and substance use disorders. Among the 39 suburban cities served by Hennepin County Sheriff's Office 911 dispatch, the Brooklyn Park Police Department experiences the highest volume of mental health calls (1,271 calls in 2021).

ALT teams consisting of a senior social worker and a community paramedic will assess and respond to urgent behavioral health and medical needs at the scene and stabilize the person in the community or via voluntary transport to Hennepin County's walk-in / drop-off behavioral health clinic. ALT will also work closely with BPPD's existing embedded social workers to provide follow-up stabilization services. Over a 45-month implementation period, ALT teams will respond to 4,500 911 mental health calls, reducing the number of mental health calls currently responded to by BPPD officers by 95%, and perform an estimated 3,000 field assessments. The targeted benefits are a 30% increase in connections to stabilizing services for residents involved in 911 mental health calls and a 30% decrease in repeat 911 mental health calls.

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

23-0274

Item Description:

Agmt A2311818, a Joint Powers Agreement with the MN Dept of Veteran Affairs for mutual cooperation and to accept funding for services for veterans experiencing homelessness, 07/01/23- 06/30/24, \$300,000 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Powers Agreement A2311818 with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs, for mutual cooperation and acceptance of funding from the State in order to serve veterans experiencing homelessness, during the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in the receivable amount of \$300,000 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 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:

The State of Minnesota needs Hennepin County to provide staff for an outreach program to former service members who are currently experiencing homelessness. Under Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, subd. 10, the State is empowered to engage such assistance as deemed necessary. This program is intended to assist the former service members in gaining access to the Homeless Veteran Registry (HVR), while connecting the former service member to the resources needed to secure permanent housing. This is a needed resource for the State to achieve the goal of ending Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

The goal of this agreement is to stably house Veterans, provide referrals to ongoing supportive services and Veteran specific outreach services. In this agreement Hennepin County provides 3.0 full time employees to work within the county and state to provide the following services to Veterans in Hennepin County:

- Provide short-term housing focused assistance to Veterans to connect with internal and/or community resources to help meet their needs. Services will be provided in an ethical and culturally sensitive manner.
- Work with Veterans experiencing homelessness who may have physical, mental health, substance use issues and/or developmental disabilities.
- Work with Veterans experiencing homelessness to refer to housing and/or services.
- After being assigned a case, meet the person, assess the Veteran's needs, note formal and informal supports, and determine where gaps exist. Establish if the gaps can be filled with community resources, or if county resources are needed.
- Develop an initial housing focused plan with the Veteran to address gaps that exist in the Veteran's support system and will link the person with community resources.
- Closely collaborate with the Veterans' Service Office, the Minnesota State Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Programs Coordinator, The Veteran Homeless Registry Team, the VA CRRC and appropriate Veteran non-profit organizations.

Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs entered into a similar Joint Powers Agreement, A2211349, in 2022. This was approved by the County Board (resolution 22-0321) on August 16, 2022.

Current Request: To approve agreement A2311818, a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs for mutual cooperation and acceptance of funding for services for veterans experiencing homelessness, for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in the not-to-exceed receivable amount of \$300,000, and to continue funding for three Veteran specific housing focused case managers.

Impact/Outcomes: This funding from the MDVA will allow for more Veterans experiencing homelessness to receive housing focused case management services and to move out of homelessness into permanent housing.

Disparity Reduction: This funding supports the County's disparity reduction efforts by providing housing stability for veterans, many of whom are members of groups disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Eligible individuals are provided with critical referrals and services that will address mental health, chemical health, ongoing stability support, financial assistance based on needs, and opportunities for permanent housing. Services are culturally competent and evidence-based; they build on existing strengths and the person's life goals.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval