

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

#### 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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#### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

**Attachments:** [Health.Human.Services-COMMITTEEMINUTES11-Jul-2023](#)

#### 2. New Business

##### Routine Items

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

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

**Attachments:** [HSPH Board Report 2310 7-27-23](#)

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

##### 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

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

**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

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)

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

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

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

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

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

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### Board Action Request

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**TMP-0287**

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**Item Description:**

July 11, 2023 Health and Human Services Committee Minutes

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

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### COMMITTEE MINUTES

**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

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Commissioner Conley, Chair, called the meeting of the Health and Human Services for Tuesday, July 11, 2023 to order at 1:34 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Marion Greene

#### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

#### APPROVE

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene

#### 2. New Business

##### Routine Items

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

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

#### CONSENT

**Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to consent the Resolution .**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene

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

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

**CONSENT**

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene

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)

**CONSENT**

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene

**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)

**CONSENT**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene

There being no further business, the Health and Human Services Committee for July 11, 2023 was declared adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Karen Keller

Deputy Clerk to the County Board

### Board Action Request

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**23-0280**

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**Item Description:**

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

**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 2310 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

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>										
Little Earth Residents Association, Inc.	HS00001383	Life skills and peer support services for youth up to age 24 who are struggling with or at risk of addiction using EPIC (Engaged, Peer developed, Individualized, Community-centered) programming as developed by Young People in Recovery.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	7/1/2023	5/31/2025	\$0	\$39,650	County	-
Minnesota State Colleges & Universities	HS00001416	Culturally appropriate healthy food distribution for Hennepin County residents experiencing food insecurities.	Initial Contact and Access	Human Services	8/8/2023	12/31/2024	\$0	\$50,000	County	-
Community Research Solutions, LLC	PR00005430	Youth engagement and participatory evaluation of Wallace Foundation funded Health Mentor Model sites.	Public Health Family Health	Public Health	8/1/2023	7/31/2024	\$0	\$115,000	Grant	Wallace Foundation grant.
<b>Renewed Contracts</b>										
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	HS00001404	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	\$7,268	Federal	Office of Population Affairs funding.
<b>Amended Contracts</b>										
Mental Health Resources, Inc.	HS00001232	On-site activities, psycho-social rehabilitation services, and linkages to other services for residents with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2024	\$560,000	\$560,000	State	Extends facility improvement funds deadline and updates eligibility criteria. Adult Mental Health Initiative grant.
People Incorporated	HS00001229	On-site activities, psycho-social rehabilitation services, and linkages to other services for residents with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2024	\$559,997	\$559,997	State	Extends facility improvement funds deadline and updates eligibility criteria. Adult Mental Health Initiative grant.
Vail Place	HS00001228	On-site activities, psycho-social rehabilitation services, and linkages to other services for residents with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2024	\$560,000	\$560,000	State	Extends facility improvement funds deadline and updates eligibility criteria. Adult Mental Health Initiative grant.
Steps of Strategy	HS00001225	On-site activities, psycho-social rehabilitation services, and linkages to other services for residents with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2024	\$528,562	\$528,562	State	Extends facility improvement funds deadline and updates eligibility criteria. Adult Mental Health Initiative grant.
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	12/31/2024	\$124,000	\$124,000	County	Updates service description.
Robert Half International Inc.	PR00003723	Temporary medical staffing to benefit patients of NorthPoint, Hennepin Health and HSPHD.	NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	NorthPoint Health and Wellness	4/1/2022	12/31/2025	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	County	Increases NTE.
Spokesman & Recorder Publishing Company	PR00003710	Print ads to inform stakeholders and patients of NorthPoint of events.	NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	NorthPoint Health and Wellness	1/1/2022	12/31/2025	\$191,187	\$375,794	County	Increases NTE.
Brooklyn Center Independent School District - ISD 286	PR00004271	Community Health Workers for Health On The Go! Program	Public Health Administration	Public Health	7/1/2022	6/30/2024	\$275,000	\$275,000	County	Updates budget.
<b>Administrative Actions</b>										
None	-	-								



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## Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2310

**Date:** 07/27/2023  
**To:** Clerk of the County Board  
**From:** Human Services and Public Health  
**Subject:** BAR Number 23-0280  
**Board Action Date:** 08/08/2023

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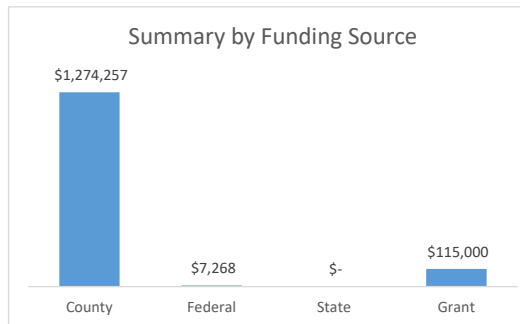
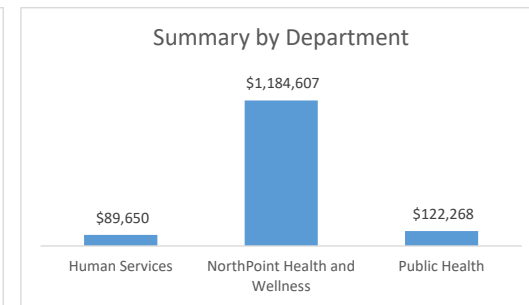
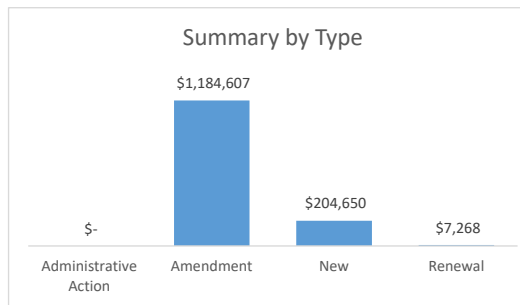
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### Summary of Contract Actions

Action Type/Department/Service Area	# of Actions	Action Total
<b>Administrative Action</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>Amendment</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$1,184,607</b>
<b>Human Services</b>	5	\$0
<b>NorthPoint Health and Wellness</b>	2	\$1,184,607
<b>Public Health</b>	1	\$0
<b>New</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$204,650</b>
<b>Human Services</b>	2	\$89,650
<b>Public Health</b>	1	\$115,000
<b>Renewal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$7,268</b>
<b>Public Health</b>	1	\$7,268
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$1,396,525</b>



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New Contracts			Renewed Contracts			Amended Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount	Department	Number	Amount	Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -	Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -	Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -	Hennepin Health	0	\$ -	Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	2	\$ 89,650	Human Services	0	\$ -	Human Services	5	\$ -
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -	NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -	NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	2	\$ 1,184,607
Public Health	1	\$ 115,000	Public Health	1	\$ 7,268	Public Health	1	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$ 204,650</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 7,268</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$ 1,184,607</b>

Administrative Actions Description	Contract #
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### Board Action Request

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**23-0281**

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**Item Description:**

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

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement PR0004531 with Spokesman & Recorder Publishing Company to provide advertising services targeting specialized audiences to promote Hennepin Health and build brand recognition extending the end date to August 14, 2024; increasing the not to exceed amount by \$4,583 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$10,583 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:**

Agreement PR0004531 with Spokesman & Recorder Publishing Company is to promote and share information about Hennepin Health plans and reach their specialized audiences. This contract is for the annual fall campaign to gain brand recognition of Hennepin Health to Hennepin County residents who may be on medical assistance, MinnesotaCare or Special Needs Basic Care (SNBC). In addition to this agreement, Hennepin Health employs a variety of marketing and outreach strategies to reach potential members and increase brand recognition including in-person presence in clinics, county facilities and community settings.

Amendment 1 to Agreement PR0004531 with Spokesman & Recorder Publishing Company seeks approval to extend the end date to August 14, 2024 and increase the NTE to \$10,583.

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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**23-0282**

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**Item Description:**

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

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311820 with Community Solutions International, Inc. accepting grant funding for staffing and supporting work to functionally end chronic homelessness in Hennepin County, during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, in the receivable amount of up to \$237,315 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311817 with Community Solutions International, Inc. accepting grant funding for staffing and services to support the goal to functionally end chronic homelessness, during the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, in the receivable amount of \$247,296 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation to the 2023 Human Services and Public Health departmental budget in the amount of \$121,150 and 2 limited duration FTE 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 when grant funds are no longer available.

**Background:**

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines chronic homelessness as someone who has a disability and has been experiencing homelessness for one year consecutively or four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

Hennepin County's team ending chronic homelessness officially joined Built for Zero (BFZ) on June 1, 2018. In September 2022, Hennepin County was invited to join a cohort of big cities around the country - Big City Last Mile (BCLM) who were selected because they are positioned to end either veteran or chronic homelessness. Hennepin County was the only big city well positioned to end chronic homelessness. Part of being part of the BCLM cohort is an opportunity to submit 'case for investments' to Community Solutions International, Inc for the chance to receive a 2-year funding award.

Hennepin County applied for these funds on May 1, 2023 and was awarded the two-year grants on June 6, 2023.

Below are the goals that we aim to accomplish with these grants:

- Reaching functional zero for chronic homelessness by the end of 2025 by addressing system gaps, refining processes, and removing barriers.
- Achieve shifts through intensive location-based work - in shelters and through street outreach and through intensive cohort-based work (i.e. age, disability, income, etc)
- Prevent at least 250 chronically homeless people per year who are newly housed from losing housing using a triage model.
- Evaluate current resources able to stabilize and support people once housed to identify any gaps impacting the goal of ending chronic homelessness.

**Current Action:** To approve receivable agreements A2311820 and A2311817 with Community Solutions International, Inc. and to accept funding for staffing and services to support the goal to functionally end chronic homelessness in Hennepin County, for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, in the receivable amounts of \$237,315 and \$247,296.

**Disparity Reduction:** This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts by funding services for individuals and households experiencing homelessness, in order for them to be stably housed. Most often these are people who are disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

### Board Action Request

23-0283

#### Item Description:

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

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311819 with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Project for the Better Together Hennepin Program from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 in the receivable amount of \$1,972,000 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 a supplemental appropriation be made to increase the Public Health's 2023 adopted budget by \$821,667; 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:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is awarding approximately \$68.5 million through cooperative agreements in 29 states and Puerto Rico to support the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) program. Through the TPP program, HHS seeks to advance equity in adolescent health by supporting projects that serve communities and populations with the greatest needs and facing significant disparities.

The Better Together Hennepin (BTH) program has received funding since 2010. Through HHS, BTH has been awarded an additional \$9,860,000 through annual allocations of \$1,972,000 over the next five years to support the Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Project (HCHYP). HCHYP's goal is to improve sexual health outcomes, advance health equity and promote the wellbeing of young people and their families in communities with the greatest needs and disparities in Hennepin County. BTH will accomplish this by:

- Expanding successful approaches and strategic relationships developed during Health Mentor Model (HMM) Project to reach more young people over the course of their adolescence, in multiple environments. BTH anticipates reaching 5,752 young people annually with evidence-based programs throughout the five- year funding period.
- Implementing evidence-based programming in a total of 12 high schools, 11 clinics and at the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC).
- Reaching young people in communities and populations impacted most by health disparities.

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts in the health domain by focusing on improving sexual health outcomes, advancing health equity and promoting the wellbeing of young people and their

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**23-0283**

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families in communities with the greatest needs and disparities in Hennepin County.

APEX Coding

Dept ID: 503099

Project ID: 1010020

Activity Code: PROGR

Account: 42060

Amount: \$821,667

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

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### Board Action Request

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**23-0298**

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**Item Description:**

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

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement A2211239 with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the provision of professional and technical services to individuals with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders, adding an eligible expense for providing services building job seeking skills, during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, in the receivable amount of \$4,000,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amended agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funds 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:**

The Vocational Services Program (VSP) provides vocational rehabilitation services for Hennepin County residents who experience serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder. VSP services includes career counseling, job placement, and extended employment assistance. All individuals participate voluntarily and are referred by the Department of Employment and Economic Development/Vocational Rehabilitation Services or by the Hennepin County Adult Behavioral Health operated case management team who purchases these services using 'Professional and Technical Services Master Contract' (P/T Contracts),

This Board Action Request seeks to change the language to add Benefits Coaching Hourly Services, Benefits Coaching-Benefits Report, Group Rates for Pre-ETS Services and Customized Employment Discovery Services as eligible expenses. Adding these services to the VSP contract will allow for reimbursement for the services VSP Staff are providing individuals served. In 2022, 98 individuals were served by VSP.

**Disparity Reduction:** The program supports the County's mission to enhance the health, safety, and residents and communities in a respectful, efficient, and fiscally responsible way. The board action request aligns with Hennepin County's disparity reduction efforts by supporting employment for residents with the goal of gaining a livable wage and moving out of poverty. VSP's services support Hennepin County's racial disparity reduction goal in the domain of employment by increasing hiring opportunities and career advancement.



**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

## MINNESOTA

### Board Action Request

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23-0299

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**Item Description:**

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

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311797 with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development - Rehabilitation Services to accept grant funding for the Extended Employment Program expiring on August 31, 2023, in the receivable amount of \$83,171 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 continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if grant funds are no longer available.

**Background:**

The Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development-Rehabilitation Services provides an annual Extended Employment Grant to the Vocational Services Program (VSP) of the Human Services Department. VSP provides vocational rehabilitation services for Hennepin County residents who have a diagnosis of a serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

Vocational Services Program (VSP) is a CARF accredited program that has provided supported employment services in Hennepin County for over 35 years. VSP counselors provide a range of individualized vocational services that include job seeking skills, job development assistance, support on the job, education on accommodations/disclosure, career exploration, and benefits management counseling. In 2022, there were a total of 98 unduplicated people served. Participants are working an average of 23.79 hours per week (range of 5-40) and earning an average of \$18.24 an hour (range of \$12.85-\$43.00).

Managers in Behavioral Health use a Racial Equity Impact Tool to guide employees and partners to make sure we are serving those who could most benefit from our services. The VSP program of Human Services Behavioral Health operates with the philosophy that work is a significant part of an individual's recovery and contributes to the Department's strategies of stability, self-sufficiency, and well-being.

**Current Request:** seeks adoption of Agreement A2311797 in order to receive the last portion of wage incentive funding from Minnesota DEED. Another \$159,426 in wage incentive funding was received in Agreement A2211296. Funds are awarded as a result of staff performance in helping individuals achieve and sustain employment at or above the minimum wage. The Minnesota

Department of Employment and Economic Development calculated the award according to the number of participant work hours that met or exceeded the minimum wage in state fiscal year 2023.

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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### Board Action Request

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**23-0300**

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**Item Description:**

Agmt A2311832 with MN DEED-Rehab Services accepting grant funding, 07/01/2306/30/24, \$275,546 (recv)

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2311832 with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Rehabilitation Services to accept grant funding for the Extended Employment Program during the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in the receivable amount of \$275,546 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 continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if grant funds are no longer available.

**Background:**

The Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development-Rehabilitation Services provides an annual Extended Employment Grant to the Vocational Services Program (VSP) of the Human Services Department. VSP provides vocational rehabilitation services for Hennepin County residents who have a diagnosis of a serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

Vocational Services Program (VSP) is a CARF accredited program that has provided supported employment services in Hennepin County for over 35 years. VSP counselors provide a range of individualized vocational services that include job seeking skills, job development assistance, support on the job, education on accommodations/disclosure, career exploration, and benefits management counseling. In 2022, there were a total of 98 unduplicated people served. Participants are working an average of 23.79 hours per week (range of 5-40) and earning an average of \$18.24 an hour (range of \$12.85-\$43.00).

Managers in Behavioral Health use a Racial Equity Impact Tool to guide employees and partners to make sure we are serving those who could most benefit from our services. The VSP program of Human Services Behavioral Health operates with the philosophy that work is a significant part of an individual's recovery and contributes to the Department's strategies of stability, self-sufficiency, and well-being.

**Current Request:** seeks adoption of Agreement A2311832 in order to receive extended employment funding from Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED). Funds are awarded through a formula.

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

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23-0301

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#### Item Description:

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

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreements A2311578 with the West Hennepin Public Safety and A2311577 with the City of Osseo to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) associated with the 911 Embedded Social Worker Program for the period of March 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 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 in the field: embedding social workers in their police departments. This systematic and layered approach allows for a tailored assessment and response for people calling because of mental health and substance use issues. The 911 and Police Embedded Social Worker Program expanded to nine additional municipalities in 2021 and further expanded to another 12 municipalities in 2022. The Department requests approval for Joint Powers Agreements to expand access to the 911 Embedded Social Worker Program to the West Hennepin Public Safety and the City of Osseo.

Through the program, Embedded Social Workers receive referrals from the municipal law enforcement agencies regarding individuals who appear to have mental health, substance use, or other issues. Embedded Social Workers will 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 2022, Embedded Social Workers engaged more than 6,800 people across 22 police departments and 37 cities. While a significant number of people were referred to mental health supports, many needed help across a wide range of human services like housing and economic support. As an example of their effectiveness, Embedded Social Workers produced an 80% reduction in calls among the top 25 callers in Brooklyn Park, an early adopter of the Embedded Social Worker Program.

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

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**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

### Board Action Request

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**23-0302**

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**Item Description:**

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

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreement A2311749 with the University of Minnesota to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department associated with the Embedded Social Worker Program for the period of August 1, 2023 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 in the field: embedding social workers in their police departments. This systematic and layered approach allows for a tailored assessment and response for people calling because of mental health and substance use issues. The 911 and Police Embedded Social Worker Program expanded to nine additional municipalities in 2021 and further expanded to another 12 municipalities in 2022. The Department requests approval for Joint Powers Agreement to continue services of the Embedded Social Worker Program to the University of Minnesota. 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.

Through the program, Embedded Social Workers receive referrals from the municipal law enforcement agencies regarding individuals who appear to have mental health, substance use, or other issues. Embedded Social Workers will 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 2022, Embedded Social Workers engaged more than 6,800 people across 22 police departments and 37 cities. While a significant number of people were referred to mental health supports, many needed help across a wide range of human services like housing and economic support. As an example of their effectiveness, Embedded Social Workers produced an 80% reduction in calls among the top 25 callers in Brooklyn Park, an early adopter of the Embedded Social Worker Program.

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**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval