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SPECIAL MEETING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN NEEDS

Thursday, March 19, 2009 – 8:30 A.M.
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 203-R

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, *Coggs, De Bruin, *Mayo, *Clark, Lipscomb and West (Chair)

*Supervisors Coggs, Mayo, and Clark were not present at the time of roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 09-121 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to contract with A'viands, LLC, the dietary services vendor selected through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, for the Behavioral Health Division. **(Laid over 03/16/09.)**

APPEARANCES:

Corey Hoze, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
John Chianelli, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division, DHHS
Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board
Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

00:22 Madame Chair opened the meeting by cautioning attendees that per Corporation Counsel and due to legal disclosure obligations, discussion regarding the specifics of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process would be prohibited. It was directed that all questions and comments remain germane to the item before the Committee, which is the A'viands, LLC contract.

02:31 Mr. Hoze addressed the Committee by referring them to the memo dated March 17, 2009, that was electronically distributed to Committee members and put together by Mr. Chianelli and staff (copy attached to original minutes). It responds to all the questions raised at the Health and Human Needs Committee meeting held March 16, 2009. Mr. Hoze then opened the forum for further questions.

04:32 Supervisor De Bruin submitted two amendments (copies attached to Committee on Health and Human Needs
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original minutes) also sponsored by Supervisor Coggs and explained the amendments do not address the issue of when this contract will be awarded or to whom. Those details are still before this Committee. The amendments deal with Milwaukee County's response to the contract being awarded to an outside vendor as it relates to the certified nursing assistant training positions.

The first amendment inserts "WHEREAS" clauses that basically reiterates the County's interest to fill certified nursing assistant positions. Rough estimate fiscal information was included with both amendments. Supervisor De Bruin made it clear that the numbers included were not contributed by staff.

Questions and comments ensued.

- 10:41 Supervisor Coggs requested that this item be referred to the County Board's Finance and Audit staff (Steve Cady and Jerry Heer) to analyze and review the fiscal impact from a three years' perspective reflecting what the exact cost savings will be, specifically identifying where the cost savings are. She also raised concerns and requested information regarding how A'viands defines full time equivalency versus how Milwaukee County defines full time equivalency.

MOTION BY:(De Bruin) Approve Amendment #1 inserting "WHEREAS" clauses as reflected in the amendment (copy attached to original minutes). 6-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Coggs, De Bruin, Clark, Lipscomb, and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: Mayo – 1

- 17:22 Supervisor De Bruin explained the second amendment by stating this is an amendment that takes the County's responsibility to contribute to the retraining process one step further. She went on to state that it is not uncommon in the healthcare industry to provide stipends for workers to train into healthcare professions. This amendment gives any former food service employee who goes through the County's/Behavioral Health Division's (BHD) certified nursing assistant training program, completes the program, and is certified a stipend of \$1,000 per employee. What that \$1,000 equates to is about \$8.50 an hour for a forty-hour work week for three weeks, which is the three week training process anticipated for this program. It does not make up for someone who is currently making more an hour nor does it provide healthcare benefits in the interim. It is an attempt to help mitigate the fact that if these employees choose to go through the training, they will not be

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eligible to receive unemployment benefits. These are lower paid individuals not only embarking on training but also, in some cases, giving up higher unemployment benefits. Supervisor De Bruin indicated that she is open to different figures.

MOTION BY:(De Bruin) Approve Amendment #2 inserting “WHEREAS” clauses as reflected in the amendment (copy attached to original minutes). 6-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Coggs, De Bruin, Clark, Lipscomb, and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: Mayo – 1

Further discussion ensued.

22:54 Supervisor Coggs requested additional information (to be supplied by the County Board’s Finance and Audit staff) be submitted addressing the Committee’s concerns regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation, how many employees are being projected to be hired in each classification from supervisors to custodial, information regarding A’viands’ commitment to diversity, information regarding some of the cost savings that might have been missed regarding the County’s meal programs, and also possible reimbursement from USDA’s educational component that might have been missed. The report is to not only come back to Health and Human Needs but also to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

Questions and comments continued.

32:29 Mr. Chianelli stated that over the last couple of days, A’viands has worked really hard to comply with the DBE requirements. In fact, they have secured a vendor to work with their company and now fully meet the 17% goal as required by the contract.

38:55 Ms. Patty Yunk, AFSCME, DC48, appeared and spoke regarding this item.

43:20 Supervisor Coggs requested that Finance and Audit staff look into buying food in bulk county-wide for all County programs.

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MOTION BY:(Coggs) Lay the item over to the April meeting cycle pending further information with a report back from the County Board's Finance and Audit staff with a referral to the Finance and Audit Committee for the April meeting cycle. 5-2

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Coggs, De Bruin, Mayo, and Clark - 5

NOES: Lipscomb, and West (Chair) - 2

STAFF PRESENT:

Corey Hoze, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

John Chianelli, Director, County Health Programs/BHD, DHHS

Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board

Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

Jennifer Collins, Research Analyst, County Board

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Length of meeting: 8:40 a.m. to 9:21 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Kapp

Committee Clerk

Committee on Health and Human Needs