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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

1:30 PM

Chair: Jeff Johnson, District 7

Vice-Chair: Irene Fernando, District 2

Members: Mike Opat, District 1

Marion Greene, District 3

Angela Conley, District 4

Debbie Goettel, District 5

Jan Callison, District 6

1. Minutes From Previous Meeting

- A. Minutes 2-12-2019

2. New Business

Routine Items

A. 19-0081

Agmt PR00000913 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance for the provision of legal services to low income tenants in matters before Housing Court, 03/01/19-2/29/20, NTE \$123,000

B. 19-0082

Amd 2 to Agmt A176946 with Children's Law Center of MN to provide full legal representation to Hennepin County's state wards - children whose parents' rights have been terminated due to abandonment, abuse or neglect, 03/01/19-02/29/20, NTE \$153,000

C. 19-0083

Agmt A199515 with the Women's Foundation of Minnesota to provide a grant for sex trafficking prosecution efforts, \$100,000 (recv)

D. 19-0093

Joint Powers Agreement A189399 between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County for Public Safety and Security related to NCAA, 1/29/19-4/10/19, est recv \$200,000

E. 19-0094

Agreement with Central Minnesota Legal Services for the provision of Civil legal representation and advice to petitioners on Orders for Protection at the County Attorney's Domestic Abuse Service Center (DASC), 03/01/19-12/31/19, NTE \$83,300

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019
1:30 PM

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Commissioner Jeff Johnson, Chair, called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee for Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 3:59 PM. All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioners Mike Opat and Debbie Goettel, who stepped out briefly.

1. Minutes From Previous Meeting

A. 1/29/19 Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

Commissioner Jan Callison moved to approve the Minutes from the Previous Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando and approved - 5 Yeas 2 Absent: Goettel, Opat

2. New Business

Routine Items

A. 19-0055

Agmt A199480 with HCHRA to provide work crews from the Sentencing to Service Program, 01/01/19-12/31/19, \$50,000 (recv)

CONSENT

Commissioner Jan Callison moved to Consent, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene and approved - 5 Yeas 2 Absent: Goettel, Opat

Items for Discussion and Action

B. 19-0056

Agmt PR00000892 with RS Eden to provide supportive housing services, 03/01/19-02/29/20, NTE \$90,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Angela Conley moved to Consent, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene and approved - 5 Yeas 2 Absent: Goettel, Opat

C. 19-0057

Authorization to accept donation from the MN Vikings Social Justice Fund to fund juvenile programs, educational materials, and related expenditures to benefit residents at the Juvenile Detention Center, \$40,000 (recv)

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved to Consent, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene and approved - 7 Yeas

3. Adjourn

The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was decaled adjourned at 4:03 PM.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request 19-0081

Item Description:

Agmt PR00000913 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance for the provision of legal services to low income tenants in matters before Housing Court, 03/01/19-2/29/20, NTE \$123,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that PR00000913 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance for the provision of legal services to low-income tenants in matters before Housing Court, during the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020, in the not to exceed amount of \$123,000 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 disburse funds as directed.

Background:

MMLA and VLN have been providing legal advice work, in Housing Court, since the early 2000's under Contract A120042, otherwise known as the Tenant Advice Project. The original contract with MMLA and VLN was established to provide some limited legal assistance to low-income tenants at the time of Housing Court. Advice only, as well as advice with some drafting assistance were found to be only somewhat helpful, people were evicted at close to the same rate as non-represented clients.

Board resolution, 16-0137R1 (Amd 1 to Agreement A165075 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid (MMLA) and Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN)) provided \$100,000 of funding for the creation of a pilot program to provide full-representation to low-income tenants in need of legal assistance at time of Housing Court. The first phase of the pilot ran from June 2016 through December 2016. The board authorized a second year of the pilot for March 2017 to Feb 2018 for an additional \$100,000 (Amd 2 to Agreement A176998). The current contract provides \$123,000 to support lawyers from MMLA to provide full-representation, provide legal advice to clients and subcontract with VLN to provide coordination assistance at the office outside of Housing Court. This coordination assistance helps intake tenants and connect them to either MMLA full-representation or the volunteer lawyers (through VLN).

A study, submitted by MMLA in October 2018, examines the extent to which representation helps tenants keep their homes or obtain sufficient transition periods to move, maintain clear eviction records, avoid forced moves by sheriff deputies, and avoid the use of emergency shelters.

The study showed gains in housing stability for tenants who have lawyers representing them in Housing Court:

- Represented tenants win or settle their cases 96% of the time, compared with 62% of those without lawyers.
- The settlements made by represented tenants are significantly better. Represented tenants are almost twice as likely to stay in their homes.
- If represented tenants agree to move, they get twice as much time to do so—and are much less likely to have an eviction record to make the move more difficult. Nearly 80% of tenants with lawyers leave court without an eviction record stemming from the case, compared with just 6% of unrepresented tenants.
- Represented tenants are much less likely to use homeless shelters. Results vary but one study suggested that represented tenants used shelter at only one quarter of the rate as others who

were unrepresented, resulting in shelter cost savings (at current project rates) of more than \$231,000 per year.

- Unrepresented tenants are between four and five times more likely than represented tenants to face the worst possible outcome of an eviction case: The abrupt, forced departure from their homes by sheriff deputies.

Tenant representation reduces racial inequity in the housing domain. Nearly 80% of those represented are people of color.

- Without representation, as shown below, evictions leave people on the street and on “no-rent” lists due to their eviction backgrounds. Eviction records force families to rent from landlords who prey upon their desperation. One eviction is upstream from another. Evictions force families into unhealthy and unsafe homes in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty.
- Nearly 80% of tenants in Housing Court have never been there before.
- Many are young—single moms and first-time renters. Legal representation in Housing Court can interrupt a downward spiral of poverty and racial inequity.

This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts by supporting housing stability for individuals who are exiting or still involved in the criminal justice system.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Contract Detail Form	2/13/2019	Backup Material

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Contract Details

Account coding provides clear direction to accounting staff as to which specific sources of revenues or expenditure accounts are to be modified by a board action request (BAR).

Contract Number* _____

Contractor /Supplier* _____

Supplier ID _____

Begin Date* _____ End Date* _____

Fund* _____

Account* _____

DeptID* _____

Project Number _____

PC Business Unit _____

Activity _____

Source Type _____

Category _____

Subcategory _____

Expenditure Amount* _____

Receivable Amount* _____

Funding Source _____

Funds Included in Budget Yes No

Substitute W-9 Obtained Yes No

*** Mandatory fields: Contract Number, Contractor/Supplier, Date fields, Fund, Account, Dept ID, Expenditure Amount and Receivable Amount**

Intended use—communicate budget information relative to a specific board action request by uploading as an attachment under 'Attachments' tab in NovusAgenda



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Board Action Request 19-0082

Item Description:

Amd 2 to Agmt A176946 with Children's Law Center of MN to provide full legal representation to Hennepin County's state wards - children whose parents' rights have been terminated due to abandonment, abuse or neglect, 03/01/19-02/29/20, NTE \$153,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement A176946 with Children Law Center of Minnesota to provide full legal representation to Hennepin County's state wards-children whose parents' rights have been terminated due to abandonment, abuse or neglect for the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020 in the not to exceed amount of \$153,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Children's Law Center of Minnesota (CLC) promotes the rights and interests of Minnesota's children in the judicial, child welfare, health care, and education systems. The county funds the Public Defender's Office to represent Children in Need of Protection services for children and wards younger than 10 years old. CLC's core work is to provide high quality, direct legal representation and advocacy to abused and neglected children and youth, ages 10-21. They monitor progress toward adoption for these children. All major decisions about what happens to foster care youth are made through legal proceedings, which is why legal representation for them is so crucial. Working with a corps of more than 250 dedicated volunteer lawyers, CLC ensures that foster care youth have a voice in the courts' decisions, and makes sure they receive the services they need and to which they are entitled.

Between July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, CLC provided direct legal representation for 288 state wards appearing in Hennepin County. Of these 288 CLC clients:

- 52 new clients were court appointed to CLC and began receiving legal representation.
- 48 client files were closed (and 1 re-closed= 49) with the following dispositions:
- 5 files were closed due to Transfer of Venue
- 1 file was closed due to Transfer of Legal Custody
- 2 files were closed due to the youth leaving Foster Care after turning 18
- 1 file was closed due to being transferred to Adult Foster Care
- 2 files were closed due to the client not meeting EFC Requirements
- 31 files were closed due to client's adoption
- 5 files were closed due to the youth turning 21 and aging out of the EFC system
- 2 files were closed due to CLC withdrawing as Counsel due to conflict.

The Average client age at the time of case closing was 14.

- 5 clients were 21
- 1 client was 20
- 3 Clients were 18
- 4 Client were 17
- 2 Clients were 16
- 3 Clients were 15
- 8 Clients were 14

- 7 Clients were 13
 - 7 Clients were 12
 - 5 Clients were 11
 - 4 Clients were 10
- The average length of days from first appointment to closing for the 49 client cases was 792 Days (2 Year, 2 Months, 1 Day)
 - The longest opened case during this period is 3984 Days (10 Years, 10 months, 27 Days)
 - The shortest time open of the 6 cases that closed during this reporting period was 57 Days (1 Months, 26 Days)
 - At the conclusion of the 7 month reporting period, CLC had 239 open and active state ward cases in Hennepin County.

Hennepin County high school graduation:

- 31 eligible high school graduates
- 19 graduated on time (61%)
- 12 did not graduate for the following reasons:
 - o 9 are behind and may graduate at a later time (2019), we are monitoring their progress
 - o 3 have not attended school and are too behind

Over the next reporting period in 2019, CLC will continue working in tandem with our team of dedicated volunteer attorneys to provide high-quality legal representation to every state ward aged 10 or over appearing in Hennepin County for a child protection matter. These efforts will continue to maximize successful outcomes for the vulnerable youth we serve, making it substantially more likely for them to find permanent homes and families, graduate from high school, attend college, maintain stable employment, and have bright successful futures. CLC will update report on high school graduations in its next report.

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Board Action Request 19-0083

Item Description:

Agmt A199515 with the Women's Foundation of Minnesota to provide a grant for sex trafficking prosecution efforts, \$100,000 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A199515 with the Women's Foundation of Minnesota to provide a grant for sex trafficking prosecution efforts for the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 in the receivable amount of \$100,000, 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 the acceptance of grant funding does not imply a continued commitment by the County for this program when grant funds are no longer available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 and continuation of an existing 1.0 FTE analyst position for the prosecution of sex trafficking efforts be applied to the 2019 Hennepin County Attorney's Office budget.

Background:

Sex trafficking cases are amongst the most difficult to detect, investigate, and prosecute.

In 2016 the Hennepin County Board designated a prosecutor, investigator and analyst to investigate and prosecute sex trafficking crimes. In 2018, the Board approved a grant with the Women's Foundation to fund an analyst position, focusing additional resources on ongoing sex trafficking investigations and targeting felony-level prosecutions. These efforts resulted in 66 prostitution and sex trafficking cases being charged and 48 convictions obtained, with more on the way.

The 2019 grant from the Women's Foundation will continue the funding provided in 2018 to support an analyst, using proactive investigative techniques and analysis to target traffickers and obtain felony convictions. Regular meetings with the assigned prosecutor will share intelligence, case updates, and investigative targets.

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Board Action Request 19-0093

Item Description:

Joint Powers Agreement A189399 between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County for Public Safety and Security related to NCAA, 1/29/19-4/10/19, est recv \$200,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreement A189399 between the City of Minneapolis, MN and Hennepin County, MN establishing the party's rights, duties, and obligations related to law enforcement services and public safety arising from the 2019 Men's National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament including Minneapolis's obligation to reimburse Hennepin County for Sheriff's Office personnel expenses be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreement of behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Minneapolis is the host city for the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), men's Semi-Final and Final Round Basketball Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, and on Monday, April 8, 2019, and for related events authorized by the NCAA and the City of Minneapolis, most of which will take place in the City from Monday, April 1, 2019, through Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Minneapolis has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for law enforcement costs for the Event by entering into an agreement with the NCAA.

Minneapolis Police Department will be the lead law enforcement agency and has requested additional enforcement personnel from across the state to provide public safety and security measures required for such a large event. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office has agreed to commit a dedicated number of personnel to assist with the events, and will be reimbursed for overtime incurred for duty posts related to the NCAA. It is estimated that the total amount that will be reimbursed will be \$200,000.

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Board Action Request 19-0094

Item Description:

Agreement with Central Minnesota Legal Services for the provision of Civil legal representation and advice to petitioners on Orders for Protection at the County Attorney's Domestic Abuse Service Center (DASC), 03/01/19-12/31/19, NTE \$83,300

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Agreement with Central Minnesota Legal Services to provide Civil legal representation and advice to petitioners on Orders for Protection at the County Attorney's Domestic Abuse Service Center (DASC) during the contract period March 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with a not to exceed amount of \$83,300 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

In February of 2018, the Hennepin County Board approved Resolution 18-0063R1 and entered into a contract (Agreement PR00000208) with Central Minnesota Legal Services (CMLS) in the amount of \$100,000 for the provision of free legal representation and advice to qualifying petitioners of Orders for Protection (OFP) at the Family Justice Center. The contract with CMLS will terminate on February 28, 2019.

As part of the 2019 Budget process, the Board approved a change in scope of services provided by CMLS. The Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO) has a Domestic Abuse Service Center (DASC) that currently assists victims of domestic abuse. DASC provides services to more than 11,000 victims of domestic abuse each year; only 15 percent of victims of domestic abuse have representation in court. The HCAO will contract with CMLS to provide legal representation for petitioners at OFP hearings. The contract will start in March 2019 and terminate on December 31, 2019. The HCAO and CMLS will collaborate on a referral process and performance measures for these services. Referrals for representation will be made by advocates located at DASC with priority given to cases where an attorney is representing the respondent, where children have been abused, where the petitioner has language or cultural barriers, or the petitioner has other high-risk factors in his or her case. Overall, petitioners will have better access to Hennepin County Human Services with this holistic approach.