

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Human Services Board
INITIATED BY

Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY



Phil Boutwell
HSD Deputy Director
DRAFTED BY

July 24, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

Awarding Contract to REM Wisconsin for a Level 5 Shift-staff Treatment Foster Care Home for Children

1 **WHEREAS**, there are limited options for children with profound disabilities who are at risk of
2 emergency out-of-home placements in high cost institutional settings at county expense; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Human Services Department operates the Children's Long Term Support (CLTS)
5 Program that makes Medicaid funding available to serve children who have substantial limitations due
6 to developmental, emotional and/or physical disabilities; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, Program staff believe the creation of a level 5 shift-staff home in Rock County offers a
9 number of benefits including a less restrictive environment that is closer to the child's family and at
10 less cost to the County than institutional placements; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Human Services Department requested qualifications and cost proposals from
13 organizations to run a level 5 shift-staff treatment foster care home for up to four children who would
14 be placed in the home in Rock County under the auspices Rock County's CLTS Program; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, the successful respondent will need to provide a home that meets the requirements of state
17 code and the needs of the children placed therein, provide a licensed foster parent / program manager, and
18 hire and train staff to meet the needs of children with challenging behaviors 24 hours a day, seven days a
19 week; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, the proposals and qualifications have been evaluated and REM Wisconsin of Madison,
22 Wisconsin was given the highest rating.
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
25 assembled this 14 day of August, 2014 does hereby authorize a contract with REM
26 Wisconsin of Madison, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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Brian Knudson, Chair

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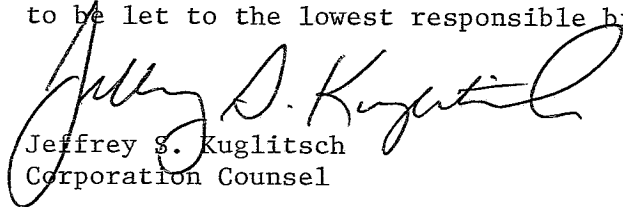
The cost of this contract will be funded by a mix of federal, state and county funds. Funds are available in the HSD CLTS program account for the cost of this contract.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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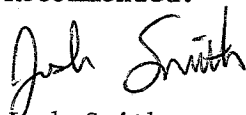
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. In addition, sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats. requires the project to be let to the lowest responsible bidder.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

The Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) waiver program provides Medicaid funding for children who fall under three separate groups: Developmental Disabilities (DD), Physical Disabilities (PD), and Severe Emotional Disabilities (SED). At present, there are about 120 children served by this program in Rock County. The CLTS case management assignments are split between two county social workers and contracted staff through Catholic Charities. Approximately 60% of the cost of the children and youth in CLTS is paid for with federal funds. The County covers the remainder of the cost. The daily rate determined by individual service plans will run in the neighborhood of \$480/day per child under the contract with REM Wisconsin. Institutional placements are in the same range, but are 100% County cost.

Either 3 or 4 children, depending on compatibility will be moved from institutional out-of-home settings and placed in the shift staff home. Staff believe that an individualized home setting offers the best opportunity to reach a higher quality of life and greatest likelihood of permanence.

Children and youth appropriate for this level of care include those with moderate to severe cognitive delays, developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, medically fragile conditions, severe emotional disturbance, physical disabilities and mental health needs. The goal of the shift staff home is to create a community based living arrangements for children in the form of a treatment foster home with round-the-clock support staff and home modifications. The objective is to raise the quality of life for children and youth by allowing them to live in a home tailored to meet their needs and enhance their interests and abilities.

The home is less restrictive to the inhabitants and less costly to the County than institutional settings.