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Josh Smith DRAFTED BY

February 26, 2018 DATE DRAFTED

# AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HEALTHNET AND AMENDING THE 2018 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, due to an opinion of the Attorney General, Rock County did not include a contribution 1 for HealthNet in its 2018 budget; and 2

3 WHEREAS, the County Board directed the County Administrator to provide options for contracting 4 with HealthNet; and 5

WHEREAS, the County Administrator presented an option to the County Board at its meeting on February 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a contract with HealthNet could include dental services for inmates incarcerated at the jail, medication for inmates during community re-entry, medical and dental services for uninsured county clients, and behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, HealthNet would collect data on usage under the contract and provide a report to the County Administrator's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 22nd of March, 2018, does hereby authorize the County Administrator's Office to develop a contract with HealthNet in the amount of \$57,000 for 2018 to include the aforementioned services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2018 Budget be amended as follows:

23 24 25	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	BUDGET AT 1/1/18	AMOUNT OF INCREASE	AMENDED BUDGET
26 27	<u>General Fund</u> 19-1921-0000-47010	- 0 -	57,000	57,000
28 29 30	General Fund Application 19-1960-0000-69510 Community Initiatives	-0-	57,000	57,000

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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### FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the use of \$57,000 in General Fund fund balance for a contract with HealthNet to provide services to County clients. The estimated unassigned General Fund balance at 12/31/17 is \$31 million.

Sherry Oia

Finance Director

#### LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. Professional services are not subject to bidding requirements of §59.52(29), Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2018 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee

Corporation Counsel

### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith

County Administrator

## **Executive Summary**

During adoption of the 2018 Budget, the County Board directed that the County Administrator bring back options for contracting with agencies that did not receive funding in the adopted budget due to the attorney general's opinion regarding the County's lack of authority to provide contributions to certain nonprofits.

Due to HealthNet's status as a free community clinic, there are barriers to establishing a fee-for-service arrangement in which the County would purchase services from HealthNet on a per-unit basis. Despite this, HealthNet is able to identify specific ways in which it could provide services to County clients under a new contractual arrangement.

Under this approach, beginning in 2018 HealthNet would receive \$57,000 from Rock County and provide the following services:

- Dental services for inmates incarcerated in the Rock County jail—The County has an obligation to provide care to inmates, and HealthNet would set aside dedicated time slots to provide dental services to about five inmates per month. HealthNet will provide additional appointments to other inmates based on availability. Services would include x-rays, cleanings, fillings, extractions, and limited root canals. These services would be intended to limit more costly emergency situations that may develop if preventive care is not provided.
- *Medication for inmates during community re-entry*—Currently, inmates with medical conditions released from the jail receive three days' worth of prescriptions from the jail's contracted medical provider. HealthNet would work with the County to provide up to a month's worth of medications (that are not controlled substances) to give the individual more time to stabilize in the community upon release.
- Medical and dental services for uninsured County clients—HealthNet would prioritize appointments for uninsured County clients, including those leaving the County's crisis stabilization facility (Harper's Place) or the jail. Without this prioritization it could take up to three months to get a medical appointment at HealthNet. Services would include basic primary care, chronic disease maintenance, medications, vision services, and limited specialty visits.
- Behavioral health services—Through its arrangement with Compass Behavioral Health,
  HealthNet can provide access to behavioral health services to County clients (who would not
  otherwise receive such services through the Human Services Department) if these individuals
  were first established as patients of HealthNet. HealthNet would determine when this was
  appropriate.

At this point in time, we do not know the number of County clients who could be served through this arrangement. HealthNet would track the number of individuals served on an ongoing basis so those figures could be included in future reporting to the County.