

AMENDMENT #2

BUDGET AMENDMENT 2020 REQUESTED BUDGET MILWAUKEE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION



Title:

Employment Development, Pre-Vocational Training and On-Going Support for Milwaukee County Adults Who Experience Mental Illness

MCMHB Sponsor:

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Narrative Description:

\$75,000 is being requested in support of employment development for Milwaukee County adults who experience mental illness. This would be funded in 2020 through a contribution from BHD's General Reserve Fund. Paid employment not only provides additional income but engages people in meaningful, integrated activity with other citizens and increases self-esteem, productivity, and life satisfaction. SAMHSA has acknowledged participation in paid employment as important to recovery. In December 2014 the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division established paid employment as a desirable programmatic outcome for the people that it serves. This is a recommendation for additional BHD funding that will be available to contract agencies eager to prepare people for work, develop NEW jobs in a variety of fields with quality employers, provide effective on-going support to program participants, and market the success of those program participants to others who might benefit from employment programming. Agencies funded through this revenue will develop both qualitative and quantitative evaluative research that can be used by BHD for future planning. A report will be made to the Quality Committee of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board.

Anticipated Financial Impact of Recommendation:

Description	Revenue	Expense	Tax Levy
Job Developer Program Costs	-	75,000	-
Contribution from Reserves	75,000	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total	75,000	75,000	-