

2021 RES-207

Authorizing to Accept Grant Funding through the University of Wisconsin for 1.0 FTE Disease Intervention Specialist for HIV Education and Outreach

The University of Wisconsin is a recipient of a Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C HIV Early Intervention Services Program: Existing Geographic Service Areas grant, which covers southcentral and southwestern Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin will subcontract with PHMDC with Part C program income funding to hire one Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) to conduct HIV outreach education and testing among individuals at high risk for HIV, including individuals that do not yet know their HIV status or that know they have HIV but are not engaged in care.

The goals of this project are to provide targeted HIV outreach services and education, coordinate referrals to affiliated HIV prevention programming, and link people with HIV (PWH) to HIV medical care and support services. PHMDC recognizes the importance of primary prevention to prevent communicable disease transmission and we approach the work through a health and racial equity lens. UW-Madison intends to provide ongoing support to PHMDC to carry out this program pending future availability of funds.

PHMDC proposes using this grant to fund 1.0 FTE Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) position to support integrated services provided by the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Clinic, HIV Partner Services, and PrEP Navigation Services through extensive community outreach and education. The DIS will connect priority populations in the community to clinic staff at the SRH Clinic for screening and treatment, and if appropriate connect client's partners to HIV Partner services. DIS staff will provide rapid HIV testing and confirmatory blood draws to screen for HIV.

The initial grant period is 12/1/2021 – 4/30/2022 and PHMDC expects the grant to continue.

The Intergovernmental Agreement creating the joint City-County health department requires approval of both the Dane County Board and the City Council for the creation of any new positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that PHMDC will receive an initial grant of \$37,278.52 designated to a DIS position for December 12/01/2021 through 04/30/2022, with the expectation of continued grant funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that per the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Madison and Dane County, Public Health employees are employees of Dane County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Public Health anticipates that the position will be hired in the last quarter of 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this grant funding and agreement continues as anticipated, future agreements can be authorized by the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County as a continuation grant as authorized by the IGA;

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49 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that upon adoption of this resolution and approval from the Dane
50 County Board, a 1.0 FTE Disease Intervention Specialist will be created in the Public Health
51 Madison and Dane County 2021 Operating Budget, and the position will be noted in the 2021
52 and 2022 Operating Budgets to reflect that the continuation of the position is contingent upon
53 continued grant funding.