

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Resolution # 2014-08

**Agreement with Community Action Inc. for
Wisconsin Well Woman Services in Rock County**

For the last 14 years, Public Health—Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) and its predecessor have provided outreach for breast and cervical cancer screening for Dane County residents through the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP), a state funded-program. Well Woman services are available in all Wisconsin counties; most services are provided through local health departments, although Well Woman is administered through non-profit agencies in several counties.

The state is in the process of restructuring the Well Woman program. While the state is claiming that no final decisions have been made, it seems almost certain that the new program will move away from a model with a coordinator for each county to a new model where the state will be divided into five regions with two coordinators per region. Simultaneously, they plan to reduce the number of medical providers from over 1,000 to about a dozen health systems.

The new model will be phased in starting in April 2015 and be fully implemented by July 1, 2015. The state will provide funding from January to June 2015 to current Well Woman programs to support the transition.

There are only two health departments in our region of the state interested in participating in the new regional model—one of which is PHMDC. Conversations with the other interested county have yielded a proposal whereby PHMDC would provide Well Woman services in Dane, Rock, and Jefferson Counties. The other county would provide Well Woman services in all of the other counties in the region.

The Well Woman contract in Rock County is currently administered by Community Action, Inc. The coordinator of that Well Woman program has just left. PHMDC initiated conversations with Community Action, Inc. about taking on their caseload. The caseload in Dane County has been declining; partly due to the number of women who now have health coverage through the Affordable Care Act, and partly due to the state's instruction to limit outreach during this transition period. While taking on the Rock County clients would involve an initial surge of activity, the current staff should be able to manage the additional clients without difficulty.

In addition to providing Well Woman services in Rock County, this will be a learning process for what will be required to provide services in another county and inform our decision about becoming part of the new regional Well Woman network.

There is not yet a final agreement in place with Community Action, Inc. The state must give Community Action, Inc. permission to subcontract for services provided under the Well Woman grant and this has been holding up the process. We expect to receive between \$10,000 and \$12,000. It is common practice for PHMDC to come to the board requesting authorization to enter into a contract after there has been final agreement on the terms of that contract. While it is not our usual practice, because of the timing, PHMDC is asking for authorization before there is final agreement on the terms of the contract, while at the same time imposing conditions on the amount we will receive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County is authorized to enter into an agreement for the term of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 with Community Action, Inc. for the management of the Well Woman program in Rock County for an amount no less than \$10,000 and the Director is authorized to sign the agreement.

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