

1 SUB___ TO 2016 RES-062 (PROPOSED-WEGLEITNER)

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3 OPERATIONS FUNDING FOR A PERMANENT COMPREHENSIVE DAY RESOURCE CENTER

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5 In November 2015, Dane County issued a request for proposals (RFP) for operators for a comprehensive
6 day resource center to serve homeless individuals and families in Dane County. ~~The RFP, as amended,~~
7 ~~committed \$330,000 in operations funding, recognizing that the operator would have to bring its own~~
8 ~~additional resources to the table, through other grants or private fundraising, to operate the day resource~~
9 ~~center. The County's RFP amount was based on permanent day resource center funding of \$130,000~~
10 ~~from the County, \$100,000 from the City of Madison, and \$100,000 committed from the United Way of~~
11 ~~Dane County. The only respondent to the RFP came in with a budget of \$450,000 to operate the day~~
12 ~~resource center and was rejected because it exceeded the funding amount budgeted by the county,~~
13 ~~over the amount of \$330,000 offered in the County's RFP. Other potential RFP respondents indicated~~
14 ~~they did not apply because they would not be interested in taking on such a substantial fundraising~~
15 ~~burden to operate a comprehensive day resource center.~~

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17 After the RFP response was rejected, representatives from Dane County, the City of Madison, and the
18 United Way, and other potential private funders, including Downtown Madison, Inc. and Catholic
19 Charities, met to review the concept for the day resource center and the funding commitments. In April,
20 2016 a concept paper was released based on the discussions. The concept paper proposes a new RFP
21 be issued based on ~~\$340,000 of funding commitments—\$130,000 from Dane County, \$80,000 from the~~
22 ~~City of Madison, and \$100,000 from the United Way. The concept paper also indicates that the total~~
23 ~~budget for the day resource center is \$427,398, which and leaves a funding gap of \$117,398 for the day~~
24 ~~resource center operator to contribute from its own funds or fundraising.~~

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26 Dane County now has an accepted offer to purchase at 615 E. Washington Ave., which it intends to
27 purchase for operations of the comprehensive day resource center. The new site is advantageous due to
28 its proximity to overnight shelters and its ability to open as a day center this coming winter. It is possible it
29 may have to close for renovations in 2017, with an official opening of the renovated facility as a
30 comprehensive day resource center later in 2017

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32 For the past several years as Dane County has been attempting to site and open a permanent day
33 resource center, Dane County and the City of Madison have been collaborating on interim day services to
34 address the needs that are unmet due to the lack of a permanent day resource center. These unmet
35 needs include access to day shelter space, laundry, personal storage, case management, and van
36 transportation to these services offered at scattered sites. These interim services were not intended to
37 continue at these scattered sites once the permanent comprehensive day resource center opened
38 because the services would then be located at the permanent comprehensive day resource center.
39 Porchlight, Inc., has repeatedly represented that it would not continue to operate the Hospitality House
40 once the permanent comprehensive day resource center opens. The funding for these services is
41 reflected in the 2016 budgets for Dane County and the City of Madison and is available ~~to be redirected~~
42 ~~and consolidated in 2017, when for annual operations of the comprehensive permanent day resource~~
43 ~~center is planned to open when it opens. Consolidating these funding lines to operations for the~~
44 ~~permanent day resource center would enable Dane County to release funding commitments at least~~
45 ~~equal to the amount needed to fully fund operations for a comprehensive day resource center, closing the~~
46 ~~\$117,398 funding gap and allowing an operator to offer competitive salaries to staff.~~

48 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ~~in 2017, Dane County, plan to consolidate funding for the~~
49 ~~operation of its permanent comprehensive day resource center by redirecting funding totaling \$112,864~~
50 ~~that currently funds services at Bethel Lutheran (\$80,560) and Hospitality House day center operated by~~
51 ~~Porchlight, Inc. (\$7,324) and van transportation operated by Porchlight (\$25,000) intends to consolidate~~
52 current funding for day resource center operations and interim services of \$242,864 to support day
53 services for homeless individuals and families once the permanent comprehensive day resource center
54 opens after renovations at 615 E. Washington;
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dane County commits to adding a long-term personal storage program
57 to the day resource center concept to offer homeless persons a place to store smaller personal items
58 including winter coats and sleeping gear, but not furniture, which they can access during the day resource
59 center hours of operation;
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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dane County requests the City of Madison to commit to adding to their
62 annual permanent day resource center commitment by redirecting funding ~~of at least \$57,000 in~~ which is
63 currently budgeted for interim homeless services, currently supporting laundry, personal storage, and van
64 transportation, to support those services at or in coordination with the comprehensive day resource
65 center;
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dane County requests that the coordinated intake program funded by
68 the City of Madison ~~at approximately \$145,000~~ operate out of the comprehensive day resource center;
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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until such time as the comprehensive day resource center opens,
71 ~~which is currently planned for July 2017,~~ permanent comprehensive day resource center operations
72 funding should be used to provide interim services to the homeless in collaboration with the City of
73 Madison and homeless services providers;
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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dane County encourages potential comprehensive day resource
76 center operators and RFP respondents to pursue additional resources, private funding commitments, and
77 in-kind contributions from partner agencies, to enhance the operations plan, attract highly-qualified staff,
78 and offer a comprehensive range of services and programs;
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80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dane County should explore ways to incentivize the comprehensive
81 day resource center operator to successfully obtain funding from other sources;
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83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ~~any future~~ the Dane County Board recommends the RFP issued for
84 the operations of the comprehensive day resource center (#116065) reflect that the County and its
85 partners are committed to funding the base level of operations at the permanent comprehensive day
86 resource center as set forth in this resolution.
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