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TO: Jeff Irwin, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Donna Sabourin
Community Support and Treatment Services Director

DATE: August 1, 2007

SUBJECT: Developmental Disabilities Council Continuation Grant Proposal
for Healthcare Navigator

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Community Support and Treatment Services (CSTS) is requesting the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratify the County Administrator's signature on the electronic application submission to the Michigan Department of Community Health Developmental Disabilities Council's (DD Council) Continuation Grant Proposal for the Healthcare Coordination Project in the amount of \$84,924 for the period from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Under the leadership of the County Administrator and the Board of Commissioners, the local community has created "Communities of Interest" to facilitate community planning, collaboration, and the development of sustainable solutions in key areas. The Washtenaw County Health Community of Interest, which includes Washtenaw County Community Support and Treatment Services (WCCSTS), Public Health, Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO), and Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP), has recently implemented a work plan with outcomes centered on a mission to create effective models of care and effective policies to improve the overall health of the community.

To address the need for a more coordinated service delivery system, WCCSTS continues to develop strong partnerships with the physical health systems: University of Michigan Health System and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital System

which now share information across systems enabling these disparate organizations to share and analyze data related to the physical and behavioral health care needs of mutual consumers.

Steps taken include analyzing local data in conjunction with state and national health trends to better address the continued barriers to effective support and coordination for those populations with complex needs. This information can be used to identify trends of overall systems issues, prevention strategies, specific needs for “non-mandated” services (i.e., dental, respite, etc) and begin to identify individuals that have complex needs who may require intensive disease management. Other health promotion and prevention strategies have been developed and identified through workgroups with Public Health, WHP, WCHO, and CSTS. In addition, information will be shared with local advocacy groups including local and regional consumer advisory councils for input. One common concern is the lack of exposure and education among medical professionals regarding the unique needs of persons with developmental disabilities and other cognitive impairments.

WCCSTS was awarded a \$100,000 grant in 2005 and a \$75,000 continuation grant in 2006 from the Michigan Department of Community Health Developmental Disabilities Council for the Healthcare Coordination Project to focus on the unique needs persons with developmental disabilities and other cognitive impairments have as they navigate through healthcare systems. This continuation grant for the 2007-08 fiscal year will allow the Healthcare Coordination Project to focus on educating future medical professionals and current healthcare professionals and to develop other strategies to streamline coordination of care and reduce healthcare costs for individuals in vulnerable populations.

DISCUSSION:

The final year of the grant will be dedicated to continually evaluate the effectiveness of the Healthcare Navigator, related integrated health initiatives, the results of providing non-mandated services and other specific strategies for health status, quality of life and cost perspectives. It is expected that the Healthcare Navigator will have worked with a minimum of 60 diverse individuals by the last year. The information gathered during this evaluation phase will be disseminated through performance improvement systems to inform improvements over time. In addition to taking part in quarterly round table discussions and routine communication with the DD Council’s Health Issues Work Group, other local and national opportunities for dissemination of the results achieved will be identified.

The Healthcare Coordination Project will present at local and national conferences regarding the project and the overall effectiveness. Currently, the

WCHO (Washtenaw Community Health Organization) has published materials regarding the integrated healthcare initiative at local and national levels. This type of dissemination will continue with the Healthcare Coordination Project so that information regarding the project will be shared with other communities to develop projects of their own.

The Healthcare Coordination Project will also develop a handbook that will show the structure, which population is served, effectiveness of the project among different ethnic groups and how to establish and sustain a similar project in a different community. This handbook will be user friendly so that the information it contains can be adapted to different areas of the state and country.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The total program cost is \$84,924 for the grant period. The grant will provide \$50,000 toward the program costs and has a 25% match requirement. This match requirement will be met with use of in-kind personnel totaling \$34,924. No additional general fund support will be needed for this grant.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

Indirect costs are not allowed for the third year of the grant.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

This grant will continue to foster collaboration between members of the Washtenaw County Health Community of Interest.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms to all County policies

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council Continuation Grant Proposal

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR THE MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL'S CONTINUATION GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE HEALTHCARE COORDINATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,924 FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 1, 2007

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the County Administrator and the Board of Commissioners, the local community has created "Communities of Interest" to facilitate community planning, collaboration, and the development of sustainable solutions in key areas; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Health Community of Interest, which includes Washtenaw County Community Support and Treatment Services (WCCSTS), Public Health, Washtenaw Community Health Organization, (WCHO) and Washtenaw Health Plan, has positioned itself through this extraordinary degree of collaboration among Washtenaw County's health and human service systems to take the necessary next steps to advance the coordination of health services further to better serve our most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, WCCSTS was awarded a \$100,000 grant in 2005 and a \$75,000 continuation grant in 2006 from the Michigan Department of Community Health Developmental Disabilities Council for the Healthcare Coordination Project; and

WHEREAS, the final year of the grant will be dedicated to continually evaluate the effectiveness of the Healthcare Navigator, related integrated health initiatives, the results of providing non-mandated services and other specific strategies for health status, quality of life and cost perspectives; and

WHEREAS, currently, the WCHO (Washtenaw Community Health Organization) has published materials regarding the integrated healthcare initiative at local and national levels and the Healthcare Coordination Project will present at local and national conferences regarding the project and the overall effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, Finance Department, Human Resources, Corporation Counsel, and the Ways and Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the electronic application submission to the Michigan Department of Community Health Developmental Disabilities Council's Continuation Grant Proposal for the Healthcare Coordination Project in the amount of \$84,924 for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, as on file with the County Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the grant application:

1. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk

CSTS
DD Council Grant
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10/1/07 – 9/30/08

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues				
50000	Federal Revenue	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
69000	In-Kind Contributions	\$0	\$34,924	\$34,924
	Total Revenues	\$0	\$84,924	\$84,924
Expenditures				
70050	Personal Services	\$0	\$41,000	\$41,000
72600	Supplies/Other Services	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
80000	Other Services & Charges	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
93500	In-Kind Charges	\$0	\$34,924	\$34,924
	Total Expenditures	\$0	\$84,924	\$84,924