

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Human Services Board
INITIATED BY



Phil Boutwell, HSD Deputy Director
DRAFTED BY

Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY

December 5, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing 2012 Cooperative Agreement with Columbia County Health and Human Services to Provide Income Maintenance Fraud Prevention Investigative Services for Rock County Human Services

1 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this agreement is to meet the requirements of Wis. Stats. Chapter 49 for
2 maintaining, establishing and funding effective Income Maintenance fraud prevention investigation
3 (FPI) activities in each member count; and,
4 *county*

5 **WHEREAS**, the agreement serves as the basis for establishing the organizational and operational
6 structures for providing FPI services to Rock County through the Central Wisconsin Fraud Prevention
7 Investigation Consortium that is administered by the Columbia County Health and Human Services
8 Agency; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is a FPI participant and member of the Central Wisconsin Fraud
11 Investigation Consortium under this agreement and commits to cooperate with the FPI administrative
12 agency; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, Columbia County is the FPI administrative agency for the Central Wisconsin Fraud
15 Investigation Consortium under this agreement and commits to provide FPI services either directly or
16 indirectly through contracted services to member agencies; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, in consideration for FPI investigative services ~~and~~ Rock County redirects its 2012 FPI
19 state allocation of \$22,500 to Columbia County as well as a 25% additional match of \$5,625 of non-
20 federal funding for FPI services and benefit recovery.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
23 assembled this 15th day of December 2011, does hereby authorize the Human
24 Services Director to sign all necessary documents with Columbia County that allow Rock County to
25 join the Central Wisconsin Fraud Consortium in 2012 for the provision of FPI services and benefit
26 recovery.
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Respectfully submitted,

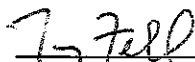
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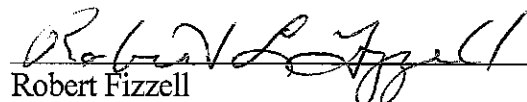
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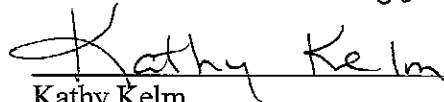
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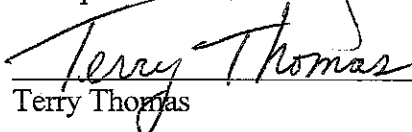


Kathy Kelm

Vacant



Phillip Owens



Terry Thomas

Absent

Marvin Wopat

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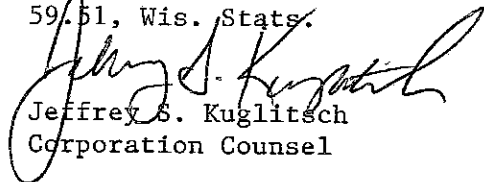
Sufficient funding is included in Human Services' 2012 budget for the cost of these services.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

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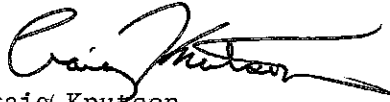
County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary

The State of Wisconsin requires that locally administered Income Maintenance programs include Fraud Prevention Investigation (FPI) activities. Rock County Human Services believes that at this time it is more economical and efficient to contract for FPI services rather than perform those services “in-house”. That belief stems from the limited amount of state funding to pay for FPI activities, the specialized nature of the work, and the need to focus on the Income Maintenance operations.

Rock County’s Income Maintenance workers are well trained in determining their client’s eligibility for economic support benefits. They manage a large caseload and refer cases for investigation that are error prone and possibly fraudulent. Fraud Prevention Investigation (FPI) requires a different skill set. Investigators are fact finders and resolve discrepancies within the cases referred to them. They are knowledgeable in investigative procedures and basic eligibility rules.

In essence, the Cooperative Agreement allows the Rock County Economic Support Unit to do what it does very well, which is determining client eligibility for benefits, establishing those benefits and managing a caseload. Columbia County operates a very cost effective FPI Program. At present, approximately 50 Wisconsin Counties entered a cooperative agreement with Columbia County and receive FPI services under the auspices of the Central Wisconsin Fraud Consortium. A private contractor that specializes in fraud prevention provides the actual investigative services for Consortium members. The member counties turn over their state allocations of fraud prevention monies to Columbia County to pay for those services. Rock County’s 2012 allocation is \$22,500. Member counties are not limited to the number of cases they may refer for investigation.

The contractor also performs benefit recovery services in the cases where overpayments have been identified as a result of an investigation. This activity includes calculating the overpayment, pursuing collections, and coordinating adjudication of FPI cases referred to the criminal justice system. The cost of the benefit recovery services to member counties is equal to 25% of their fraud allocation. The cost to Rock County in 2012 is \$5,625.

It is recommended that Rock County contracts for benefit recovery services rather than perform them “in-house”. The State receives 85% of the benefit recovery and the county receives 15% of benefit recovery for client errors or fraud. It is anticipated that the benefit recovery dollars received by Rock County will exceed the \$5,625 cost of the service.