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James Owczarski
City Clerk
Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Communications from the Health Department relative to an amendment to the 2017 Positions Ordinance.

Dear Mr. Owczarski:

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) requests an amendment to the 2017 Positions ordinance to add a new position of Substance Abuse Program Manager in the Disease Control and Environmental Health division. The position, created through the Auxiliary Resource Program under the title of Opioid Prevention and Control Manager, reflected the direction from the Administration and Common Council to respond to and determine appropriate strategies to address the emergence of heroin and opioid drug overdoses as growing public health concern.

While this position will be primarily focused on the heroin and opioid misuse crisis, the Substance Abuse Program Manager will also centralize all of the department's substance abuse efforts. The position will participate on interdisciplinary teams, workgroups, committees and task forces as a public health representative to inform both operational and strategic partnerships that collaboratively address drug abuse within the community with a focus on opioid misuse/overdose. Finally, the position works closely with other City Agencies and Department Divisions to achieve goals and outcomes delineated by the City and Department concerning drug abuse issues including but not limited to: the Milwaukee Police Department, Department of Administration, Health Department Office of Violence Prevention, Health Department Division of Laboratories and Health Department Division of Family and Community Health.

Therefore, the department respectfully requests that the 2017 Positions Ordinance be amended as follows:

Under: HEALTH DEPARTMENT Disease Control and Environmental Health Services Division

ADD: Substance Abuse Program Manager (X)

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bevan K. Baker, FACHE
Commissioner of Health

cc: Sandy Rotar, Health Operations Administrator
Mark Nicolini, City Budget & Management Director

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