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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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Fiscal Years 2016/2017 Telemedicine Grants	5-TF-2016
Administration of the Universal Service Fund Grant Program for the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Program	5-GF-108

**ORDER**

This is the Order approving the award of \$999,099.79 in grants for the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Grant (Telemedicine Grant) Program for Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 and 2017. The purpose of the Telemedicine Grant Program is to encourage the use of telecommunications equipment and services to promote technologically advanced medical services, to directly or indirectly enhance access to medical care in rural or underserved areas of the state, and to directly or indirectly enhance access to medical care by underserved populations or persons with disabilities.

The Telemedicine Grant Program is authorized by Wis. Stat. § 196.218(4u) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115. This is the sixteenth year in which the Commission has awarded Telemedicine Grants under this authority.

Beginning in FY 2008, the Commission has combined the consideration and approval of the Telemedicine grant requests for a two-year period into a single evaluation. The Commission will again combine the funds available to the Telemedicine Grant Program for two fiscal years, FY 2016 and 2017, into a single proceeding. When combined, the total amount available for awards over the two-year period is \$1,000,000.

### **Telemedicine Grant Applications for FY 2016/2017**

Applications for the FY 2016/2017 Telemedicine grant cycle were due at the Commission on March 31, 2016. The Commission received 25 applications that together requested a total of \$1,441,688 in grants.<sup>1</sup> The applications proposed projects in 27 different Wisconsin counties. The applications proposed to purchase a variety of medical telecommunications equipment, including telemedicine carts, video conference equipment, telecommunications systems, tablet computers, home health monitoring units, and digital pathology imaging devices.

The applications were first reviewed by a screening panel consisting of Angie Dickison, Peter Jahn and Dennis Klaila of the Commission staff, and John Eich, Executive Director, Wisconsin Office of Rural Health. A summary of the applications, panel evaluation and recommendation may be found in a Commission memorandum dated April 27, 2016. ([PSC REF#: 285742](#)).

The Commission discussed this matter at its open meeting of May 5, 2016.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. The Commission has jurisdiction under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02(1), 196.218(4u), 196.395, and other provisions of Wis. Stat. ch.196, to make the determinations in this Order, and to act or refrain from acting relative to the administration of the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Grant Program under Wis. Stat. § 196.218(4u).

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<sup>1</sup> An additional grant application from St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation requesting \$38,901.01 for the Ministry Dental Care project in Stevens Point was withdrawn by the applicant prior to the Commission's consideration.

2. The Commission has authority in Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02(1) and 196.395 to impose the conditions on disbursement of grant funds set forth in this Order as necessary and convenient to its award authority in Wis. Stat. § 196.218(4u) in order to evaluate the progress, completion, and results of the grant awards approved in this Order.

## **Opinion**

### **Eligibility**

All twenty-five grant applications were timely filed. However, two applications acknowledged that their organizations did not fit within the definition of an eligible non-profit medical clinic in Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(1) and sought waivers.

a. HealthNet of Rock County, Inc.

HealthNet of Rock County describes itself as a volunteer-based community organization that provides primary medical care, dental care, health information, and vision services to uninsured and low income residents of Rock County, Wisconsin. Because it uses volunteer staff to treat patients free of charge, the clinic restricts its practice to uninsured residents of the county. Individuals with insurance are advised to select one of the standard providers in the area for their health needs. HealthNet therefore does not provide service to all patients regardless of insurance status nor use a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients based upon income status, as required by Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(1)(b)3.

Wisconsin Admin. Code § PSC 160.01(2) provides that nothing in the chapter shall preclude the commission from giving special and individual consideration to exceptional or unusual situations and, upon due investigation of the facts and circumstances involved, from adopting requirements as to individual providers or programs that may be lesser, greater, other or

different than those provided in this chapter.” The Commission finds that, while HealthNet’s structure as a non-profit, free clinic does not meet the specific requirements for program eligibility in § PSC 160.115(1)(b)3., its service to those who are medically underserved addresses the goals of the Telemedicine grant program. The Commission therefore waives the eligibility requirement in Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(1) and accepts the application of HealthNet of Rock County, Inc.

b. Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.

Medical College of Wisconsin (Medical College) Psychiatry Department has developed two rural Psychiatry Residency Programs. One residency program is located at partner mental health facilities in Brown and Winnebago Counties; the other is located in health facilities in north central Wisconsin. The purpose of the Medical College program is academic. The Medical College is not a medical clinic and does not serve all patients regardless of insurance status nor use a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients based upon income status, as required by Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(1)(b)3. The Medical College is focused on training residents, and the grant project would facilitate that training by locating teleconference equipment in faculty offices in Milwaukee and in partner facilities in Rhinelander and Stevens Point. However, the residency program does address the need for mental health care in rural and underserved areas by providing the necessary instruction and faculty supervision by teleconference from the existing psychiatric residency program at the Medical College’s Milwaukee campus.

The Commission finds that the project proposed by the Medical College would serve the goals of the Telemedicine grant program. However, it is also the case that the Medical College

proposed to purchase telemedicine carts for Ministry St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander and Ministry St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point that are identical in purpose and location as the two telemedicine carts that St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation proposed to purchase in two of its applications, and those projects fit clearly within the definition of an eligible non-profit medical clinic in Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(1). The Commission waives the eligibility requirement in Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(1) and accepts the application of Medical College of Wisconsin contingent upon the Medical College proposed project entering into an agreement with St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation that the telemedicine carts purchased for Ministry St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander and Ministry St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point will be available for both general medicine applications at those facilities and for video teleconferences between psychiatry residents in Rhinelander and Stevens Point and psychiatry faculty at the Medical College Milwaukee campus. By associating with clearly eligible projects through this shared use agreement and because the Medical College project meets the goals of the Telemedicine grant program, the Commission concludes a waiver is appropriate.

### **Grant Awards**

The criteria for evaluating the relative merit of each grant application is set forth at Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(6), and includes consideration of the following factors:

Eligibility. Is the applicant an eligible public health agency or non-profit clinic?

Merit. Does the application address the goals of the program? The Commission may award a grant funding to an eligible clinic or public health agency for the purchase of telecommunications equipment that serves one or more of the following purposes:

- a. To promote technologically advanced medical services.

- b. To directly or indirectly enhance access to medical care in rural or underserved areas of the state, or both.
- c. To directly or indirectly enhance access to medical care by underserved populations or persons with disabilities in the state, or both.

Is there reason to doubt that the applicant can contribute the pledged matching funds?

This issue does not come up very often, but if the Commission finds reason to believe an applicant will be unable to fund its portion of the grant project, the Commission may reduce or otherwise restructure the award to create a financially viable grant project.

Has the applicant taken steps to secure the equipment at reasonable prices? The Commission may reduce a grant award if it finds the proposed prices or vendor price quotes are excessive or the grant project could get by with fewer units or locations.

Apart from the evaluation of the merits of an application, the Commission may apply the following factors to adjust the rank of an application relative to the others under consideration:

Multiple applications. If a clinic submits multiple applications, the Commission may fund other applications first before funding additional locations or applications from the same clinic system or parent corporation. (Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(6)(b).)

First-time applicants. The Commission may give preference to first time applications. (Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(6)(c).)

Matching funds. The Commission may take matching funds into account in its evaluation of the relative merits of the grant applications. (Application instructions.)

Upon review of the applications submitted and consideration of the screening panel's evaluation, the Commission awards grants to twenty-one of the twenty-five grant applicants in

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the amounts set forth in Attachment 1. The Commission offers a partial award to the following projects: Aspirus, Inc.; Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation, Inc.; Home Health United; Kenosha Community Health Center, Inc.; Medical College of Wisconsin; and UW Health.

In the case of Kenosha Community Health Center, the Commission declines to reimburse the amount of the monthly AT&T service charges in the amount of \$2,040.00. In the case of the other five applicants, the Commission makes a partial award in order to provide funds to as many projects as possible. Each approved applicant shall notify the Commission within seven calendar days whether it accepts the grant award, including any partial award amount and the reporting requirements discussed below.

The Commission denies a grant award to four grant applicants: Access Community Health Centers; The Human Service Center; St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation (Employer Solutions project); and, ThedaCare (Wild Rose project). In each case, the Commission denies the grant application because it finds that the successful grant applications better addressed the goals of the Telemedicine grant program set forth in Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115(2).

Two sets of applications submitted this year present an unusual issue because the applicants appear to request grant funds to purchase similar telemedicine carts for the same location. UW Health and Mile Bluff Medical Center both requested grant funds to purchase a telemedicine cart for the Mile Bluff hospital in Mauston. Medical College and St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation both requested grant funds to purchase telemedicine carts for Ministry St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander and Ministry St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. To further complicate this issue, in both cases one applicant has selected the telemedicine cart sold by Avizia while the other applicant has selected the cart sold by Polycom. It is clear that in both

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instances the goals of this program are best served by awarding grant funds to purchase a single telemedicine cart at each location that can be used for all of the purposes identified by the applicants.

The Commission awards grant funds to Mile Bluff Medical Center (Mile Bluff) to purchase telemedicine carts at five locations in Juneau and Sauk Counties, including the Mile Bluff hospital in Mauston. Mile Bluff Medical Center will own and maintain the telemedicine carts, and operate the equipment on behalf of itself and UW Health. The Commission makes the grant award to Mile Bluff contingent upon Mile Bluff's assurance that the selected telemedicine equipment is compatible with the telemedicine equipment in use at UW Health Hospital and Clinics in Madison.

The Commission awards grant funds to St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation to purchase telemedicine carts at Ministry St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander and Ministry St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation will contribute \$20,420.99 in matching funds toward the purchase of each cart. The Commission also awards grant funds to the Medical College of Wisconsin to purchase two telecommunications carts for its faculty offices in Milwaukee. St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation and Ministry Health Care will own and maintain the telemedicine carts in Rhinelander and Stevens Point, and operate the equipment on behalf of itself and the Medical College of Wisconsin. The Medical College of Wisconsin will own and operate the telemedicine equipment located at its faculty offices in Milwaukee. The Commission makes the grant awards to St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation and the Medical College of Wisconsin contingent upon their assurance that the selected telemedicine equipment



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is compatible and can be used with similar telemedicine equipment at other Ministry Health Care locations.

The Commission makes a grant award to Trempealeau County Health Care Center (TCHCC) in the full amount of its request. However, the Commission finds that this grant project may require significant oversight to ensure a successful outcome. TCHCC may have already developed its own procedures for establishing and maintaining control over the use of the tablet computers purchased with this grant award. The Commission invites TCHCC to submit a plan for supervising the use of the computers before grant funds are made available for this project.

While the Commission is certainly open to TCHCC's proposals for this plan, the Commission finds that the plan should include a "Satisfactory Use Agreement" that each patient should agree to and sign before receiving the computer. TCHCC should also consider whether the tablet computers could be provided to patients as part of a loan arrangement and returned to TCHCC upon completion of a course of treatment. Also, TCHCC should consider whether the use of this grant award to purchase and distribute tablet computers should be subject to a means test to take full advantage of existing funding resources. And, further, TCHCC should consider whether it is possible to program a patient's own personal computing device to provide equivalent functionality. The plan that TCHCC submits should include an evaluation of the project after 50 percent of the computers have been purchased. TCHCC should develop a metric that provides an objective satisfactory outcome for each patient. The Commission will decide whether to release the balance of the grant award funds after the interim report has been received and evaluated.

### **Conditions Applicable to the Disbursement of Grant Award Funds**

The Commission finds it is appropriate to disburse grant funds for this program as reimbursement for a purchase of equipment or service that has already been made by the grant awardee. Each approved grant applicant may only request reimbursement of the purchase of equipment and services specifically identified in the budget summary of its grant application. A grant applicant with an approved grant award may request to substitute an equipment item selected from a competing equipment vendor or manufacturer in lieu of the equipment item specified in the budget summary of its grant application.

To receive a grant payment, the grant awardee must submit a paid invoice for each item of equipment purchased or service provided. A grant payment shall be the lesser of the purchase price of the equipment less any matching contribution agreed upon in the grant award or the remaining balance in the grant award.

The Commission also finds it reasonable and appropriate to require grant recipients to submit a summary project report after the telecommunications equipment has been purchased and installed. The Commission staff will provide an appropriate form for this purpose.

### **Legislative Audit Bureau Recommendations**

In 2015, the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) recommended that the Commission consider changes in the administration of the Telemedicine grant program to comply with two requirements from the State Accounting Manual, Subsection IV.7, concerning carryover of encumbrances:

- There must be a written order with a known vendor/party as of June 10 in order for funds to be carried over to the following fiscal year.

- Reimbursement aids can be carried forward only to the extent necessary to reimburse for goods and services provided by the grantee before June 30, or to fulfill terms of a grant or aid contract that has a defined ending date.

The Commission instructed Commission staff to conduct an administrative review of agency procedures in docket 5-GF-108. Commission staff has proposed a schedule that will permit fiscal staff to set up purchase orders before the end of May. Commission staff has also proposed that the grant awards approved in this Order should expire, without notice or further process, on March 31, 2018, unless extended by subsequent order of the Commission. The Commission accepts the proposed changes to the agency procedures for the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Grant Program to comply with the State Accounting Manual, Subsection IV.7.

### **Order**

1. The grant applications listed in Attachment 1 are approved in the award amounts stated therein. In those instances in which approved grant applicants have offered to contribute matching funds toward the total cost of the grant project, those offers of matching funds are accepted in full and incorporated into the grant award.

2. These grant awards are made conditionally. Each grant applicant receiving a grant award must inform the Commission within seven days of the service of this Order whether it will accept the award, including the reporting requirements and other conditions set forth in this Order. Any grant award that is not accepted within seven days of the service of this Order shall be deemed rescinded, and the funds for that grant award shall be reallocated to other grant applications or returned to the universal service fund reserve.

3. Each approved grant applicant shall use grant funds for the purchase of equipment and services specifically identified in the budget summary of its grant application. A grant applicant with an approved grant award may request to substitute an equipment item selected from a competing equipment vendor or manufacturer in lieu of the equipment item specified in the budget summary of its grant application.

4. The grant awards approved herein shall expire, without notice or further process, on March 31, 2018, unless extended by subsequent order of the Commission. Any unused balance in an expired grant award shall be returned to the universal service fund reserve.

5. The grant applications of Access Community Health Centers; The Human Service Center; St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation (Employer Solutions project); and, ThedaCare (Wild Rose project) are denied without prejudice. These applicants may resubmit in a future fiscal year.

6. Aspirus, Inc., is awarded a partial grant award of \$10,399.00 for the purchase of a telecommunications cart for its clinic in Rome, Wisconsin.

7. Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation, Inc., is awarded a partial grant award. The Commission will pay 50 percent of each paid invoice up to a total award of \$20,863.00.

8. Home Health United is awarded a partial grant award. The Commission will pay 80 percent of each paid invoice up to a total grant award of \$38,901.01 on the condition that Home Health United provide a written plan for placing the home health monitoring units purchased with this grant award in areas of the state that are described as health professional shortage areas—primary care on the map available at <http://worh.org/library>.

9. Kenosha Community Health Center is awarded a partial grant award of \$23,110.47. The requested grant award is reduced by the amount of the recurring charges for telecommunications service in the amount of \$2,040.00.

10. The Medical College of Wisconsin is awarded a partial grant of \$37,837.80 for the purchase of two telecommunications carts for faculty offices in its Milwaukee campus, on the condition that it provide written certification that the telecommunications carts it places in its faculty offices are compatible with the telemedicine equipment used by Ministry Health Care in its several locations in northeast and north central Wisconsin.

11. Mile Bluff Medical Center is awarded the full amount of its grant request on the condition that it provide written certification that the telecommunications carts it places in its five clinics are compatible with the telemedicine equipment used by UW Health and that it will permit consultation with neurologists at the UW Health clinic and hospital regarding treatment of stroke patients.

12. St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation is awarded the full amount of its grant request for three telemedicine carts at Calumet Medical Center, Ministry Medical Group Rhinelander, and Ministry St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. This award is conditioned on the awardee's written certification that the telecommunications carts it places in its Rhinelander and Stevens Point facilities are compatible with the telemedicine equipment used by the Medical College of Wisconsin Psychiatry Department, and that it will permit consultation and instruction between resident physicians at those locations and psychiatry faculty at the Medical College campus in Milwaukee.

13. Trempealeau County Health Care Center is awarded the full amount of its grant request under the following conditions:

a. TCHCC must develop a “Satisfactory Use Agreement” for use of the tablet computers purchased with this award. Each patient must agree to and sign the Satisfactory Use Agreement prior to receiving a tablet computer purchased with this award.

b. TCHCC should also consider:

(1) Whether the tablet computers should be provided to patients as part of a loan arrangement and returned to TCHCC upon completion of a course of treatment;

(2) Whether the use of this grant award to purchase and distribute tablet computers should be subject to a means test to take full advantage of existing funding resources; and,

(3) Whether it is possible to program a patient’s own personal computing device to provide equivalent functionality.

c. TCHCC must develop a process to exercise appropriate control over this grant project and monitor the appropriate use of the tablet computers purchased with this award, and to take corrective action in the event that a patient’s use of a tablet computer purchased with this grant award violates the terms of the Satisfactory Use Agreement. As part of this control system, TCHCC should also develop a measurable standard to assess whether this grant project is working as intended (e.g., a satisfactory outcome means the patient is able to stay in contact with clinic staff for a period of \_\_\_\_ days/weeks/months during in-patient and post-discharge

care; TCHCC expects to achieve a satisfactory outcome for \_\_\_\_ percent of patients that receive and use the tablet computers purchased with this award).

d. TCHCC shall submit a written plan for implementing this grant project and monitoring the use of the tablet computers purchased with this grant award. Upon submission of this plan and a paid invoice for the purchase of the computers, the Commission will reimburse TCHCC for the purchase of up to one hundred twenty-five tablet computers or a grant payment of no more than \$35,160.00.

e. At an appropriate time after at least one hundred tablet computers purchased with this grant award have been distributed to patients for use, TCHCC shall submit a written report on the grant project. The report should disclose:

- (1) The number of computers distributed for use and a general description of the success TCHCC has experienced with the project;
- (2) An aggregate of the number of successful outcomes TCHCC has achieved with the tablet computers; and,
- (3) The number and type of inappropriate uses, including resale of the tablet computers.

f. It is expected that TCHCC will provide only general descriptions and aggregate numbers in its reports, and will not include any patient-specific information in any report submitted to the Commission as part of this grant project. However, if TCHCC believes its reports to the Commission should nonetheless be exempt from disclosure under Wis. Stat. § 19.35, TCHCC may file its reports confidentially using the procedure for confidential filing in the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing system.

g. Upon receipt of the interim report, the Commission shall evaluate whether the TCHCC is maintaining effective control over the use of the tablet computers and whether it is making reasonable progress toward achieving a successful program outcome for the grant project. If the Commission finds that TCHCC is maintaining effective control over the use of the tablet computers and is making reasonable progress toward achieving a successful program outcome, the Commission will reimburse TCHCC for the purchase of a second increment of tablet computers upon submission of a paid invoice for the purchase of the computers. The grant payments for the first and second increment of computer purchases may not exceed \$70,320.00 in total.

14. UW Health is awarded a partial grant of \$46,176.64 for the purchase of two telemedicine carts. The carts will be located at the Grant Regional Health Center in Lancaster and the Southwest Health Center in Platteville. UW Health may not use this grant award to purchase a telemedicine cart for the Mile Bluff Medical Center in Mauston because this Order already funds that equipment through the grant award for Mile Bluff Medical Center.

15. Approved grant applicants may request an interim or a final grant payment based upon the progress of the grant project. Grant funds will be paid as reimbursement for the purchase of equipment and services specifically identified in the budget summary of the grant application, and upon submission of a paid invoice. A grant payment shall be the lesser of the purchase price of the equipment less any matching contribution agreed to in the grant award or the remaining balance in the grant award.



16. Approved grant applicants shall submit a summary project report after the telecommunications equipment has been purchased and installed. The Commission staff will provide an appropriate form for this purpose.

17. In the event that, after an approved grant project is completed and all expense items identified in the budget summary of the grant application have been paid, there remains a balance of funds in the grant award, the grant applicant may request to apply that balance to purchase of additional item or items of telecommunications equipment consistent with constraints and objectives of the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Grant program.

18. The Administrator of the Division of Business and Program Management is delegated authority pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 15.02(4) to administer the grant projects approved in this Order.

a. The Administrator is authorized to review and approve the plan of Trempealeau County Health Care Center for implementing its grant project and monitoring the use of the tablet computers purchased with its grant award; upon approval of the plan, the Administrator is authorized to approve the reimbursement of the purchase of the initial set of one hundred twenty-five tablet computers with a grant payment of no more than \$35,160.00.

b. The Administrator is authorized to review the interim report of Trempealeau County Health Care Center as consistent with Order Point 13.g., and is authorized to approve the reimbursement of the purchase of a second set of tablet computers with a grant payment that, together with the initial grant payment, does not exceed the total grant award of \$70,320.00.

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c. The Administrator is authorized to approve requests to substitute an equipment item selected from a competing equipment vendor or manufacturer in lieu of the equipment item specified in the budget summary of its grant application.

d. The Administrator is authorized to review and approve requests to spend the unspent balance in a grant award for reimbursement of the purchase of medical telecommunications equipment, but not to exceed the amount of the original grant award.

19. Jurisdiction is retained.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

By the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra J. Paske". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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See Attachments:

Attachment 1, Approved Medical Telecommunications Equipment Grant Awards for FY 2016 and 2017  
Notice of Rights

**Attachment 1**

**Approved Medical Telecommunications Equipment Grant Awards for FY 2016 and 2017**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Grant Award Amount</b>
Aspirus, Inc.	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283943</a>	\$ 10,399.00
Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation, Inc.	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 284006</a>	\$ 20,863.00
HealthNet of Rock County, Inc.	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 284008</a>	\$ 8,140.40
Home Health United	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283878</a>	\$ 38,901.01
HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283793</a>	\$ 58,499.00
Hudson Memorial Hospital	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283843</a>	\$ 88,500.00
Kenosha Community Health Center, Inc.	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283798</a>	\$ 23,110.47
The Lakes Community Health Center	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 284002</a>	\$ 63,716.01
Medical College of Wisconsin Psychiatry Department	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283853</a>	\$ 37,837.80
Memorial Medical Center Foundation	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283556</a>	\$ 78,717.99
Mercy Health Foundation (Thorp project)	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283546</a>	\$ 38,901.01
Mile Bluff Medical Center	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283925</a>	\$ 50,622.57
Ministry Door County Medical Center	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283796</a>	\$ 58,499.00
Richland Hospital, Inc.	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283950</a>	\$ 126,563.00
Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283707</a>	\$ 15,435.86
St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation (Chilton project)	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283548</a>	\$ 38,901.01
St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation (Rhineland project)	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283545</a>	\$ 38,901.01

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St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation (Stevens Point project)	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283971</a>	\$ 38,901.01
Trempealeau County Health Care Center	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283840</a>	\$ 70,320.00
UnityPoint Health – Meritor Foundation	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283974</a>	\$ 47,194.00
UW Health	<a href="#">PSC REF#: 283207</a>	\$ 46,176.64
<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>		<b>\$ 999,099.79</b>

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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE  
TIMES ALLOWED FOR EACH, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE  
PARTY TO BE NAMED AS RESPONDENT**

The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

*PETITION FOR REHEARING*

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of the date of service of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The date of service is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of service is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

*PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW*

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of the date of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of the date of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission serves its original decision.<sup>2</sup> The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

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<sup>2</sup> See *Currier v. Wisconsin Dep't of Revenue*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.