

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Refugee Health Screening

Resolution #2009-18

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Immigrant Integration Section, Bureau of Migrant, Refugee and Labor Services (DWD) has received funding from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide health screening and health education services for newly arrived refugees. The DWD is seeking to enter into an agreement with Public Health—Madison and Dane County for the provision of these services from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Services are provided on a fee-for-service basis. The agreement is for a maximum of \$75,000.

Under the 2008/2009 agreement, services were provided to 15 clients. The contract was for \$15,750. The 2009/2010 agreement is for \$75,000, with services for 100 clients.

Medical screenings are done to identify refugees with communicable diseases of potential public health importance and to identify personal health conditions that adversely impact resettlement. The screening should be done within 30 days of arrival. Refugees identified as needing medical care are referred to primary health care services for treatment and follow-up.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County, authorizes the Director to sign an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Immigrant Integration Section, Bureau of Migrant, Refugee and Labor Services for \$75,000 for the provision of refugee health screening and health education services for the period October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

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