



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**Agenda BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

**AGENDA DATE:** August 12, 2024

**PREPARED BY:** Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to enter into a Contract Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Wisconsin Tuberculosis (TB) Dispensary program.

**Background and Analysis:**

The primary purpose of the Wisconsin TB Dispensary is to ensure that all persons in Wisconsin with suspected or confirmed tuberculosis infection or disease can receive appropriate evaluation, treatment, and monitoring, regardless of insurance availability.

Wisconsin's TB Dispensary uses state tax revenue funds to reimburse local and Tribal health departments (LTHDs) for medical management of patients with active TB, patients being evaluated for TB, patients with latent TB infection (LTBI), and patients exposed to TB. The word "dispensary," as it is used here, is a legislative term referring to the mechanism by which LTHDs are reimbursed for the management of TB patients. The traditional use of the word (i.e., the pharmaceutical dispensing of medicines or medical supplies) does not apply.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Wisconsin TB Dispensary contract is a standard purchase order interagency agreement between the City of Racine Public Health Department and the State of Wisconsin which provides reimbursement for clinical services and medications necessary for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of TB.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Department be authorized to enter into a Contract Agreement with the DHS–DPH for the Wisconsin TB Dispensary program.