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Agenda Item Name: Amendment to Administrative and Employee Handbook Changes - Hiring Process to Fill Vacancies

Department	Administration	Presented By:	Administrator Langreck
Date of Meeting:	05 Jan 2021	Action Needed:	Vote / Resolution
Disclosure:	Open Session	Authority:	Employee Handbook
Date submitted:	28 Dec 2020	Referred by:	

Recommendation and/or action language:

Motion to... 1) recommend amendment to the Richland County Handbook of Personnel Policies and Work Rules and the Richland County Administrative Manual regrading internal promotions;

and, 2) remove current redundant language from the Employee Handbook, giving reference to the Administrative Manual.

Background: (preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)

A recent request from Health and Human Services creation of a Supervisor in Child and Youth Services Unit was tabled until the county can adopt policy and procedure language regarding a formal internal promotion and hiring process. In response to this guidance the following language is proposed for committee's review and recommended resolution to the County Board.

[1st section added]

Richland County hiring policy is intended to promote a well-qualified and diverse workforce that represents both the experience offered by organizational longevity and innovativeness gained through influx.

It shall be policy to promote career advancement opportunities from within departments, while filling positions with qualified employees, best suited for the position and whom bring diverse work-place experiences to the County.

When the County determines that a vacancy or new position shall be filled, position vacancies may be filled by the department head by promotion, transfer, demotion from within the department; or new hire from public posting. Department head positions shall be filled by the county administrator or committee, commission or board, or electorate as defined through Wisconsin Statute and County Board Resolution.

It is not necessary to recruit outside applicants for vacant positions when the position is filled by promotion, transfer or demotion from within the Department.

[2nd section added]

...2. The Department Head may fill the position by promotion, transfer, demotion from within the department without public posting or external candidate consideration. When considering to fill the vacancy internally, if the department has a pool (more than one) of candidates whom meet the minimum credentials and qualifications for the position, the Department Head must internally post the vacancy within the department for at least one week. When multiple, internal candidates apply, the Department Head shall evaluate through a competitive process and may offer to the best suited candidate. Until the

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position is filled, the Department Head has the discretion to post the vacancy publically at any time, as there is no entitlement to internal promotion for county positions.

Amended language of the Administrative Manual, pages 3-4.

Attac	hments	and R	References:

Amended language of the Employee Handbook, pages 21-22								
Attachments and References:								
Administrative Manual with proposed markups			Employee Handbook with proposed markups					
Financial Review: (please check one)								
In adopted budget	Fund Number							
Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number							
Other funding Source	Other funding Source							
X No financial impact								
(summary of current and future in	npacts)							
No foreseen Financial Impacts								
Approval:			Review:					
			Clinton Langreck					
Department Head			Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)					