

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Aging and Disability Resource Center for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and to accept \$7,220,441 in revenue

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and to accept \$7,220,441 in revenue.

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute this contract.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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BACKGROUND

The ADRC, operated by the DHHS Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS), helps people with physical or developmental/intellectual disabilities, ages 18-end of life cycle, secure needed services, or benefits, live with dignity and security, achieve maximum independence and quality of life. The goal of the ADRC is to empower individuals to make informed choices and to streamline access to services and supports.

The ADRC is a welcoming and accessible place in which people with disabilities and individuals over the age of 60 can obtain information, advice, and help in locating services or applying for benefits. The ADRC provides a central source of updated, accurate and objective information about a broad range of programs and services to help people evaluate the various options

available. Through the assistance of the ADRC, customers can identify resources in their communities and make informed decisions about long-term care. This allows customers to conserve their personal resources, maintain self-sufficiency and delay or prevent the need for potentially expensive long-term care. The ADRC also serves as the single access point for publicly-funded long-term care, including Family Care and IRIS.

The ADRC is responsible for providing information and assistance and benefits counseling which includes access to Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, and other benefits such as Food Share. It also provides access to emergency response services, adult protective services, transitional services for youth, long-term care options counseling, and access to the Family Care benefit or other publicly-funded, long-term care options (i.e. partnership PACE and IRIS-Self Directed Supports service models).

Staff from the ADRC meets with customers to assess their needs and determine eligibility for long-term care programs, including Family Care, Partnership, PACE and IRIS. These programs provide long-term care services to help customers live safely and successfully in the community and prevent admission into nursing homes or other institutional settings. Staff reviews program choices with customers and then enrolls them into one of the programs.

The State contract for 2025 reflects a base award in State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) of \$7,220,441 to operate the ADRC for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. It should also be noted that the ADRC has continued to perform very well in earning federal Medical Assistance (MA) match revenue through activity reporting. This revenue along with county tax levy have been critical to funding the overall ADRC budget.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This contract aligns with the Milwaukee County Strategic Plan by providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities and individuals over the age of 60 to maximize independence as well as foster an inclusive and diverse community.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Aging and Disability Resource Center for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and to accept \$7,220,441 in revenue.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

The ADRC contract with DHS is effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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