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TO: Supervisor Mark Borkowski, Chair, Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee

FROM: County Executive Chris Abele

SUBJECT: Informational Report Regarding the Progress of the Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission

This memo is provided in response to the request for an informational report on the progress of the Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission.

The Commission has met twice, on December 19, 2012 and January 16, 2013. Members of the Commission voted to elect officers. Mr. Jason Rae was elected as President of the Commission and Ms. Martha Love as Vice President.

At the January 16th meeting of the Commission, Mr. Nelson Solar, Interim Director for Community Business Development Partners for Milwaukee County, provided an update on DBE participation and also answered any questions on his department and his vision. Mr. Rick Ceschin, Deputy Director of Human Resources, spoke regarding EEO participation within the county.

Future meetings of the Commission are set for:

- Wednesday, March 6 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 1 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 10 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 4 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 6 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 18 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Below is a list of possible future topics of discussion which were suggested by members of the Commission:

1. Milwaukee County Corrections System
 - a. House of Corrections (inmate treatment, visitation policies)
 - b. Huber Facilities

- c. Rehabilitation Programs
 - d. Alternative Sentencing Options
 - e. Juvenile Offenders
- 2. Jobs and the Economy
- 3. County Administrative Operations
 - a. Employee Relations
 - b. Procurement Opportunities and Awarding of Contracts
 - c. EEO Participation in County
 - d. Review of Job Descriptions and Hiring Policies
 - e. Report on Domestic Partner Benefits
- 4. Mental Health
 - a. Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex
 - b. Treatment Options for Mental Illness
 - c. AODA Treatment Programs
- 5. Immigration & Race Relations in Milwaukee County
- 6. Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking in Milwaukee County

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