

1 Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Health and Human Needs, reporting on:

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4 File No. 16-505

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6 (ITEM) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting
7 authorization to begin negotiations with Carmelite Home for Boys for youth who are
8 eligible for a Department of Juvenile Corrections placement, by recommending adoption
9 of the following:

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11 **A RESOLUTION**
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13 WHEREAS, in response to the crisis at Lincoln Hills School for Boys operated by
14 the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections, the Delinquency and Court Services
15 Division (DCSD) has been working to identify a Type II Residential Treatment Center
16 (RTC) to serve as a step down from corrections while allowing the opportunity for local,
17 community-based treatment placements for the highest risk youth; and

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19 WHEREAS, the goal of this programming would be to keep as many youth as
20 possible close to their homes and community while being able to provide the
21 appropriate supervision and treatment to these youth while maintaining community
22 safety; and

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24 WHEREAS, DCSD has been in the planning phase of locating a facility and
25 identifying the appropriate programming for a Type II RTC within Milwaukee County (the
26 County) for the following targeted population:

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- 28 • Youth at risk of being placed in the State Department of Juvenile
 - 29 Corrections (DJC)
 - 30 • Youth transitioning out of the DJC
 - 31 • Youth transitioning out of the Milwaukee County Accountability Program
 - 32 (MCAP) detention phase who cannot go home right away due to the need
 - 33 for additional support, supervision, or family issues

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37 WHEREAS, the original intent was to pursue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to
38 identify a provider for the programming component of the RTC, but the challenges
39 posed by this plan include the scarcity of appropriate facilities in the community due to
40 location, square footage, condition, design, zoning, and investment of time to
41 rehabilitate a building to meet the needs of the program; and

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43 WHEREAS, the layout and condition of the Carmelite Home for Boys (Carmelite)
44 are conducive to the development of a staff secure residential program; and

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47 WHEREAS, Carmelite has expressed an interest in collaborating with DCSD to
48 provide the facility and the programming for this RTC and has the space available to do
49 so with little modifications needed; and

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51 WHEREAS, treatment and educational services would be provided on site by
52 Carmelite and Wauwatosa Public Schools, with necessary collaboration from the
53 Wauwatosa Police Department to ensure a swift response to any serious incidents that
54 may occur at the facility; and

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56 WHEREAS, if DCSD does not pursue this option, the RFP process could cause a
57 significant delay in getting the RTC operational and ready to accept youth by early
58 2017; and

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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
61 September 14, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 5-0); now,
62 therefore,

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64 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
65 hereby authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his
66 designee, to pursue negotiations for a Level II Residential Treatment Center with the
67 Carmelite Home for Boys as the operator and licensee; and

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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, once negotiated, the contract and total amount
70 will be submitted to the County Board for approval.

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