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Request authorization for the Medical Examiner to execute an Agreement with the Medical College of Wisconsin to develop an Overdose Public Health and Safety Team (OD-PHAST) within Milwaukee County, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.52(31)(c), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), requires the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) to authorize a contract for services with a value greater than \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, Section 59.60(12), State Statutes, requires a County Board resolution to authorize any contract or obligation requiring the payment of funds from the appropriations of a later fiscal year or of more than one fiscal year, and this Professional Service Agreement (the Agreement) requires encumbering 2021, 2022, and 2023 Budget funds; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County), with an estimated population of 945,726, leads Wisconsin counties in the count and rate of overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, to illustrate, from 2014 through 2019, the opioid overdose fatality rate in the County was 30.3 per 100,000 persons, more than twice the Wisconsin rate of 13.4 per 100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner’s Office was selected to receive a \$1.2 million award from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, under the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse Program Site-Based Program for a 36-month period beginning October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc. (MCW), was designated to serve as the research and evaluation partner for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner’s Office and the MCW is requesting authorization to enter into the Agreement for the provision of services to establish a County Overdose Public Health and Safety Team, which will bring key partners together for regular review and analysis of data and key metrics in order to identify data-driven strategies for addressing the changing dynamic of overdose and substance use trends; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner’s Office shall compensate the MCW for services performed under the Agreement that shall not exceed \$1,022,467 over the life of this project; and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 17, 2021,
47 recommended adoption of File No. 21-525 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Medical Examiner's Office is hereby authorized to enter
50 into a retroactive Professional Service Agreement (the Agreement) in the amount of
51 \$1,022,487 with the Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc. (MCW), to establish a
52 Milwaukee County Overdose Public Health and Safety Team for the period beginning
53 March 1, 2021, through October 1, 2023; and
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the provisions of Sections 56.30 (8) and (9) of the
56 Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances are hereby waived, and the Office of
57 the Comptroller is authorized to pay the MCW for services rendered prior to the
58 Agreement being signed.
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