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(ITEM ) From the Interim Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization to increase the existing 2016 Purchase of Service contract with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., by \$29,082, from \$398,501 to \$427,583, to provide benefit specialist and legal services to seniors age 60 and older, for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized the Interim Director, Department on Aging, to execute contracts to provide programs and services to older adults for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016 (Adopted File No. 15-766); and

WHEREAS, one of the programs authorized through Adopted File No. 15-766 is the Benefit Specialist/Legal Services program awarded to Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., and funded at \$398,501; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Benefit Specialist/Legal Services program is to assist older adults in working through the complex maze of State and Federal benefit programs; and

WHEREAS, the program provides seniors, families, and caregivers with health benefit information, benefits counseling, assistance in determining which health insurance plans, prescription drug programs, and other benefit options might serve them well, and how to apply for such benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department on Aging, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., and the Social Development Commission collaborated to receive a grant totaling \$81,500 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and such grant was funded by the Federal Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA); and

WHEREAS, the grant is to provide outreach activities informing seniors about the range of Medicare and Medicaid related prescription drug programs, details of individual drug plans, funding alternatives for low-income seniors, targeting specific low-income populations, and to provide outreach activities aimed at preventing disease and promoting wellness; and

WHEREAS, participation by Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., is to provide application assistance and promote health benefits in partnership with local prevention and wellness programs, with special emphasis on Spanish-speaking elders and contacts with the Hmong and African American communities; and

46 WHEREAS, the MIPPA grant includes \$28,092 to fund MIPPA services provided  
47 by Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., through the Department on Aging's Benefit  
48 Specialist/Legal Services program; and  
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50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of  
51 May 19, 2016, recommended adoption of the Interim Director's request (vote 6-0); now,  
52 therefore,  
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54 BE IT RESOLVED, the Interim Director, Department on Aging, is hereby  
55 authorized to increase the existing 2016 Purchase of Service contract with Legal Action  
56 of Wisconsin, Inc., by \$29,082, from \$398,501 to \$427,583, to provide benefit  
57 specialist/legal services in 2016.  
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