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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute a contract with the State Department of Children and Families to provide Community Youth and Family Aids for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, and to accept \$35,668,256 in revenue (excluding corrective sanctions) and any addendum thereto, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 301.031 of the Wisconsin State Statutes requires counties to execute an annual contract with the State Department of Children and Families (DCF) for the "Community Youth and Family Aids Program," and departments must obtain authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to enter into the 2016 contract with the State DCF for the provision of juvenile justice services mandated by State law, and Milwaukee County (the County) cannot receive 2016 revenue from the State until this contract is signed; and

WHEREAS, the State will provide the County with \$35,668,256 in Youth Aids funding in 2016 (excluding corrective sanctions) which is a revenue increase of \$137,242 more than budgeted in 2016 for State charges and county community-based programs; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Youth Aids funding is used to reimburse the state for Milwaukee County juveniles that reside in the State juvenile detention centers; Lincoln Hills School for Boys or Cooper Lake School (for girls); and

WHEREAS, recent news reports indicate an ongoing John Doe probe is investigating a number of potential crimes at Lincoln Hills School for Boys, including physical abuse of a child, second-degree sexual assault, and victim and witness intimidation; and

WHEREAS, there is also a report of an attempted suicide by a girl residing at Copper Lake School; and

WHEREAS, these reports raise grave concerns about the health, welfare, and safety of Milwaukee County youth residing in these State-run facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of December 9, 2015, considered this item for informational purposes only; and

47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of
48 December 10, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 5-2); now,
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51 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or
52 his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the State Department of
53 Children and Families covering Community Youth and Family Aids for the period
54 effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, and any addendum thereto.;
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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
58 expresses its concern about the placement of any Milwaukee County youth at Lincoln
59 Hills School for Boys or Copper Lake School (for girls); and
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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board respectfully requests that
62 Milwaukee County Judges refrain from sending Milwaukee County youth to either
63 detention center until all concerns and safety issues are resolved; and
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board calls upon the Governor of
66 Wisconsin and the Milwaukee County Executive to work with the judiciary to find
67 appropriate secure placements for Milwaukee County's adjudicated youths in a safe
68 environment closer to home; and
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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is requested to furnish a
71 copy of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin.
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