

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to increase 2024 purchase of service contracts with Birth to Three community vendors for Children, Youth and Family Services, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) administers the Birth to Three Program (the Program), which is authorized under Part C of the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and supports children with developmental delays or disabilities under the age of three and their families; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, Milwaukee County (the County) lost nearly two-thirds of its local providers, with only three providers remaining in the County, due to increased costs and enrollment, which increased nearly 12 percent in 2023; and

WHEREAS, over the last few years, the gap between the cost to run the Program and the available reimbursements has ranged between \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million, which the providers covered out of their own budgets; and

WHEREAS, to partially address this shortfall, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive adopted Amendment 38 to the 2024 Adopted Budget, providing an additional one-time supplemental funding of \$250,000 to the Program in 2024; and

WHEREAS, DHHS, and its remaining contracted providers – Curative Care Network, Penfield Children's Center, and St. Francis Children's Center have met regularly to develop a strategy for increasing awareness and education around the Program, as well as advocating for additional funding to create long-term fiscal sustainability, which is a key priority for DHHS; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 14, 2024, recommend adoption of File No. 24-304 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to increase the 2024 Purchase of Service contracts with the providers and in the amounts as specified below, for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024:

Service	Provider	2024 Contract	Proposed Increase	Adjusted Contract
Birth to Three Early Intervention	Curative Care Network	\$2,187,288	\$160,000	\$2,347,288
Birth to Three Early Intervention	Penfield Children's Center	\$1,544,451	\$55,000	\$1,599,451
Birth to Three Early Intervention	St. Francis Children's Center	\$793,261	\$35,000	\$828,261
	Total	\$4,525,000	\$250,000	\$4,775,000

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