

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 14, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Executive Director, DHHS

Subject: A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend **2025** fee-for-service contracts for Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS)

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

The Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to amend **2025** fee-for-service contracts with vendors supporting individuals with disabilities and older adults, ages 18 through the end of their life span as part of the Adult Protective Services (APS) program. APS serves individuals in need of a Corporate Guardian as a legal decision maker and/or a WATTS Review to determine if their community placement is the least restrictive living environment.

**POLICY**

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute these fee-for-service contract amendments.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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**BACKGROUND**

***Corporate Guardianship***

DHHS is requesting authorization to execute contract amendments with Easterseals of Southeast Wisconsin and Life Navigators for the provision of Corporate Guardianship Services for individuals with disabilities and older adults ages 18 through the end of their life. Corporate Guardianship Services include making personal decisions regarding health care, housing, nutrition, social needs, etc., on behalf of the ward. In addition, services include ensuring that all benefits due the ward are applied for and provided and that the ward is as integrated into the community as possible.

On January 1, 2025, ADS entered into fee-for-service contracts for \$99,000 with the agencies. DHHS is now requesting amendments to these contracts to cover the full year of services. The proposed amendments total \$302,000 which reflects \$500,000 annually to the following

agencies in 2025:

Service	Provider	2025 Contract	2025 Proposed Amendment	2025 Amended Contract
Corporate Guardianship	Easterseals of Southeast Wisconsin	\$99,000	\$181,000	\$280,000
Corporate Guardianship	Life Navigators	\$99,000	\$121,000	\$220,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,000</b>	<b>\$302,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

### **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

These contracts align with the Milwaukee County Strategic Plan by providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities and individuals over the age of 60 to maximize independence as well as foster an inclusive and diverse community.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Executive Director, DHHS, or her designee, to amend the 2025 fee-for-service contracts in the amounts specified in the attached resolution. The effective date of the amended contracts would be the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

### **FISCAL EFFECT**

A total of \$302,000 is included in the DHHS 2025 Budget for the Corporate Guardianship contract amendments. A fiscal note form is attached.

### **TERMS**

These contract amendments are effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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None

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