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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to retroactively amend 2024 purchase of service contracts with Birth to 3 community vendors for Children, Youth and Family Services, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Children, Youth, and Family Services (CYFS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), administers Birth to 3/Early Intervention services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities in Milwaukee County (the County) through contracts with three partner providers; and

WHEREAS, while the costs and children served continue to grow for this entitlement program, available State of Wisconsin (the State) and Federal funding has remained stagnant, which has caused CYFS, DHHS, to lose nearly two-thirds of its local providers over the last several years, with only three providers remaining in the County; and

WHEREAS, the State’s Birth to 3 contracts, with counties cover only about 25 percent of Birth to 3 costs, and counties contribute the majority of funding through tax levy and community aids with the balance being covered by Medicaid, private insurance, and parental cost share; and

WHEREAS, given this financial situation, the County’s Birth to 3 providers have incurred annual deficits, averaging about \$1.5 million collectively with costs projected to exceed revenues by approximately \$2 million for 2024; and

WHEREAS, to address the growing program and stagnant funding, CYFS, DHHS, its contracted partners, and other counties and partners across the State have facilitated and engaged in advocacy efforts throughout 2024 to seek additional Birth to 3 funding from the State, and have prioritized this issue for the upcoming 2025-2027 Biennial State Budget; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the enduring partnership and commitment of the three partner providers in achieving a long-term solution to sustain the program, CYFS, DHHS, recommends amending the 2024 Birth to 3 Purchase of Service contracts to help reduce the anticipated deficits faced by the providers; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 12, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-948 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
 45 authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to
 46 retroactively amend the 2024 Purchase of Service contracts with the following Birth to 3
 47 providers in the following amounts for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024:
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Service	Provider	2024 Allocation	2024 Proposed Increase	Total 2024 Allocation
Birth to 3 Early Intervention	Curative Care Network	\$2,347,288	\$300,000	\$2,647,288
Birth to 3 Early Intervention	Penfield Children's Center	\$1,599,451	\$115,000	\$1,714,451
Birth to 3 Early Intervention	St. Francis Children's Center	\$828,261	\$85,000	\$913,261
	Total	\$4,775,000	\$500,000	\$5,275,000

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