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Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Disability Resource Center for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and to accept \$2,074,753 in revenue, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services engaged in a comprehensive initiative to redesign Wisconsin’s long-term support services for the elderly and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the result of that initiative is the Family Care Program (Family Care); and

WHEREAS, a major purpose of Family Care is to divert persons requiring long-term care from expensive, publicly funded nursing homes to more appropriate community-based forms of care; and

WHEREAS, one component of Family Care enables counties to serve as a Disability Resource Center (DRC); and

WHEREAS, the DRC of Milwaukee County (the County) is responsible for providing the following services: information and assistance, benefits counseling, access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI), SSI-Exceptional Expense, Medicaid and Food Share, emergency response, adult protective services, transitional services, prevention and early intervention services, long-term care options counseling, and access to the Family Care benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized the Disabilities Services Division (DSD), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to participate as the DRC of the County in June 2009; and

WHEREAS, DSD-DHHS is seeking authorization to continue to serve as the DRC of the County for the period beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has allocated \$2,074,753 to pay for the services to be provided by the DRC of the County during 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 10, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-857 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or  
47 her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Wisconsin  
48 Department of Health Services, to operate the Disability Resource Center for the period  
49 beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and to accept funding in the  
50 amount of \$2,074,753, and any addendum thereto.

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