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(ITEM ) 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 under the Family Care Program for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, and to accept \$2,074,753 in revenue and any addendum thereto, 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; and

WHEREAS, a major purpose of the Family Care Program 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 and Supplemental Security Income-Exceptional Expense, Medicaid, 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 Program 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, the DSD, DHHS, is seeking authorization to continue to serve as the DRC of the County for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016; 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 2016; and

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

45           WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of  
46 December 10, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 7-0); now,  
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49           BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or  
50 his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Wisconsin  
51 Department of Health Services to operate the Disability Resource Center for the period  
52 effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, and to accept projected  
53 revenue of \$2,074,753, and any addendum thereto.  
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