File No. 18-326

From the Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization to increase the existing 2018 Purchase of Service Contract with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., by \$55,000, from \$348,562, to \$403,562, for legal and benefit specialist services, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2017, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized the Interim Director, Department on Aging, to execute contracts to provide programs and services to older adults for the period effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018 (Adopted File No. 17-763); and

WHEREAS, one program authorized under Adopted File No. 17-763 was Benefit Specialists/Legal Services provided by Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., (Legal Action), and funded at \$348,562; and

WHEREAS, the Department on Aging, Legal Action, and the Social Development Commission collaborated to receive Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act and Small Hospital Improvement Program grants from the Wisconsin Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the grants provide outreach activities informing seniors about the range of Medicare and Medicaid-related prescription drug programs, details of individual drug plans, funding alternatives for low-income seniors, targeting specific low-income populations, and to provide outreach activities aimed at preventing disease and promoting wellness; and

WHEREAS, participation by Legal Action is to provide application assistance, and promote health benefits in partnership with local prevention and wellness programs, with special emphasis on Spanish-speaking elders and contacts with the Hmong and African American communities; and

WHEREAS, the grants include \$55,000 to fund services provided by Legal Action through the Department on Aging's Benefit Specialist/Legal Services program; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of May 17, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-326 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department on Aging, is hereby authorized to increase the existing 2018 Purchase of Service Contract with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., by \$55,000, from \$348,562, to \$403,562, for legal and benefit specialist services.

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