

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** November 13, 2020

**TO:** Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jon Janowski, Interim Executive Director, Department on Aging

**SUBJECT:** **Report from the Interim Executive Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Aging Resource Center for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and to accept \$2,773,238 in revenue**

**Issue**

Departments must obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000. The Interim Executive Director, Department on Aging, therefore, requests authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to operate the Aging Resource Center (DRC) under the Family Care program for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and to accept \$2,773,238 in revenue.

**Background**

Family Care is Wisconsin's long-term care entitlement program for frail elders and adults with physical, and developmental intellectual disabilities. The major purpose of Family Care is to divert persons requiring long-term care services from expensive publicly-funded nursing homes to more appropriate community-based forms of care. One essential component of Family Care enables counties to serve as an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

ADRC's are responsible for providing the following services: information and assistance; benefits counseling; access to SSI, SSI-E, Medicaid, and food stamps; emergency response; elder abuse and adult protective services; transitional services; prevention and early intervention services; long-term care options counseling; and access to the Family Care benefit. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Department on Aging to participate as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County since 2000.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Interim Executive Director, Department on Aging to enter into a contract with DHS to operate the Aging Resource Center in an amount of \$2,773,238 for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and to accept any addenda to this contract.

**Fiscal Effect**

The 2021 budget includes the \$2,773,238 in revenue for the Aging Resource Center. The 2021 allocation is the same as prior years. A fiscal note is attached.

If you have any questions about this report and resolution, please contact me at (414) 379-3569



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