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From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting retroactive authorization to enter into an automatically renewable Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections, for the procurement of juvenile correctional services beginning January 1, 2016, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, departments must obtain authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, as part of the State of Wisconsin (the State) 2015-2017 Budget (Act 55), the Department of Children and Families (DCF) took over program monitoring and fiscal administration of Youth Aids from the Department of Corrections (DOC); and

WHEREAS, as part of this transfer, the State is now directly billing counties for the cost of juvenile correctional services provided at its juvenile facilities located at Copper Lake School for Girls, Lincoln Hills School for Boys, and the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center as well as community supervision, aftercare, and residential services as opposed to withholding Youth Aids funding for the cost of these services – a practice which was followed prior to 2016; and

WHEREAS, funds are passed through to Milwaukee County from the State DCF to pay for services provided by the State DOC; and

WHEREAS, the total State charges for services performed under this agreement are governed by Section 301.26(4)(d)(2), Wisconsin State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of October 26, 2016, considered this item for informational purposes only per Section 59.52 (31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of October 31, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director’s request (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, is hereby authorized to retroactively enter into an automatically renewable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections covering juvenile correctional services beginning January 1, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Comptroller is authorized to pay for services rendered prior to this MOU being authorized, signed, and executed.

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