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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 requesting the Milwaukee County Sheriff to contact the National Commission on
7 Correctional Health Care to conduct a review of the health care services provided in the
8 Milwaukee County Correctional facilities.
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10 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has two correctional facilities serving up to 33,000
11 inmates annually; and
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13 WHEREAS, approximately half of those inmates have a medical, and/or mental
14 health condition requiring treatment, medication, and care, and that while in jail, medical
15 emergencies arise; and
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17 WHEREAS, since 2001, Milwaukee County has been operating under the
18 Christenson Consent Decree, a settlement agreement arising from litigation filed in 1996 by
19 an inmate at the Milwaukee County jail regarding population limits and inmate health
20 services; and
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22 WHEREAS, during the 2012 budget deliberations, the County Board amended the
23 2012 Recommended Budget to deny the contracting out of inmate medical services, restore
24 funding for all related expenditures, revenues, and positions, and begin planning for a mid-
25 year transfer of this function from the Office of the Sheriff to the Department of Health and
26 Human Services, a policy which was ultimately adopted; and
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28 WHEREAS, the passage of the aforementioned amendment showed that the
29 Milwaukee County Board was interested in looking at options related to the provision of
30 inmate medical services; and
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32 WHEREAS, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) has
33 the following mission:
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35 *The mission of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care is to improve*
36 *the quality of health care in jails, prisons and juvenile confinement facilities. With*
37 *support from the major national organizations representing the fields of health, law*
38 *and corrections, NCCHC's leadership in setting standards for health services is*
39 *widely recognized. Building on that foundation, our not-for-profit organization offers*
40 *a broad array of resources to help correctional health care systems provide efficient,*
41 *high quality care.*
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45 WHEREAS, the NCCHC offers technical assistance, and has standards related to
46 Accreditation of Correctional Health Care, and Milwaukee County is interested in achieving
47 accreditation; and
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49 WHEREAS, as the policymakers of Milwaukee County, the Milwaukee County
50 Board should be given the best and most accurate information to review options for the care
51 of inmates currently and as a basis for moving forward; now, therefore,
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53 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Sheriff is respectfully requested to
54 contact the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and arrange for a review of the
55 correctional health care provided in the Milwaukee County correctional facilities; and
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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Sheriff deny this request, that the
58 Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to contact the National
59 Commission on Correctional Health Care and arrange for the review; and
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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that representatives from the National Commission
62 on Correctional Health Care shall report, if at all possible, to the Committees on Judiciary,
63 Safety and General Services and Health and Human Needs in the September cycle to ensure
64 that the information is available for the County Board of Supervisors prior to consideration of
65 the 2013 budget; and
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized and directed to
68 transfer the approximately \$6,000 in funding needed to pay the National Commission on
69 Correctional Health Care for their services to fulfill the aforementioned request from the
70 Appropriation for Contingencies (Org. 1945).
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