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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services requesting approval of a waiver to the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances Section 9.05(3)(a) to allow a former Milwaukee County employee to work with a contracted provider for the Department of Health and Human Services, Children Youth and Family Services Division, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 9.05(3)(a) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances states that:

“No former county public official or employee, for twelve (12) months following the date on which he/she ceases to be a county public official or employee, shall, for compensation, on behalf of any person other than a governmental entity, provide any contractual services to the county. The county board committee on finance may waive the contractual services prohibition provision of this section, first effective for county public officials or employees that separate service after April 1, 2016, upon the petition of the administrator seeking services with the former public official or employee that the need is critical to county operations.”

; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s (the County) Credible Messenger Program launched in 2020 to promote public safety and supportive positive outcomes for the County’s youth, with an emphasis on those in the youth justice system; and

WHEREAS, the effort focuses specifically on impacting youth at all points of system involvement by coordination amongst various partners, including community-based organizations, public health entities, academic institutions, and provider agencies including the Medical College of Wisconsin’s (MCW) 414Life Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Verlynette Lewis resigned from her County position as an Administrative Coordinator overseeing the Credible Messenger Program for the Children, Youth, and Family Services area, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to accept a position as Director of 414Life at the Comprehensive Injury Center with the MCW in August 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis’s position at the MCW is instrumental in the design, implementation, and support of the Credible Messenger Program, in collaboration with DHHS, and plays a crucial role in the DHHS continuum of care; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 18, 2023, recommended approval of File No. 23-509 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Committee on Finance of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby grants a waiver of Section 9.05(3)(a) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, and authorizes the Children, Youth, and Family Services area, Department of Health and Human Services, to retain the contractual services of Ms. Verlynette Lewis through the Medical College of Wisconsin's 414Life Program.

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