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A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend a 2026 purchase of service contract with Racine County, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, 2017 State of Wisconsin (the State) Act 185, as amended by 2019 State Act 8, restructured the State youth correctional system, directing the closure of the State-operated Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake and facilitating the development of local alternatives — Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs); and

WHEREAS, under State Act 185, the State Department of Corrections retains supervision of youth with adult court sentences and youth in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program (SJOP) within Type 1 facilities, while supervision of youth in other correctional placements is transferred to counties; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) and Racine County (Racine) are the only counties in the State with agreements to operate SRCCCYs; and

WHEREAS, Racine’s SRCCCY opened in mid-2025 and currently serves youth statewide, with the County’s SRCCCY anticipated to open in March 2026; and

WHEREAS, when the County’s SRCCCY opens, the County must refer male youth pending correctional placement to Racine, per Section 938.34(4m), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), states that all counties must contact Racine to refer youth pending or with correctional placement dispositions, and if Racine cannot accept a youth or lacks space, a change of placement request may be made for placement in a State Type 1 juvenile correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, Children, Youth, and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services, and Racine executed a Memorandum of Understanding, which established a daily rate of \$1,200 per youth, outlined the parties’ responsibilities, and provided that any costs exceeding \$99,000 require approval from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning, at its meeting of March 5, 2026, considered File No. 26-312 for informational purposes only, per section 59.52(31)(d), State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-312 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
47 authorizes the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her  
48 designee, to amend a Purchase of Service contract with Racine County, by increasing  
49 the existing contract of \$99,000 by \$1,299,000 for the period of January 1, 2026, to  
50 December 31, 2026.

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