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3 Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, seeking approval  
4 to process an administrative appropriation fund transfer to increase expenditure  
5 authority and revenue budget and establish a capital project for the Mental Health  
6 Emergency Center, by recommending adoption of the following:

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8 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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10 WHEREAS, for the past decade, the Behavioral Health Division (BHD),  
11 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has been engaged in a long-term  
12 transition to a more community-based continuum of care for residents needing mental  
13 health and substance use treatment and services; and

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15 WHEREAS, a psychiatric emergency department provides tremendous value to  
16 the community; and

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18 WHEREAS, to continue to meet this need, Milwaukee County (the County) has  
19 partnered with four private health systems to create a new Mental Health Emergency  
20 Center (MHEC); and

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22 WHEREAS, through a unique public-private partnership, area private health  
23 systems have agreed to subsidize 50 percent of the operational deficit of the MHEC; and

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25 WHEREAS, the construction costs of the MHEC facility will be shared between  
26 the County and health system partners, with an expected total cost of \$12.2 million; and

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28 WHEREAS, the County is receiving a \$640,000 credit for land value of the  
29 proposed site at 12th Street and Walnut Street, on the northern end of the existing  
30 parking lot that serves the Marcia P. Coggs Center; and

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32 WHEREAS, the health system partners have agreed to fund \$200,000 in  
33 accelerated construction costs; and

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35 WHEREAS, the County's share of the construction costs of the MHEC facility is  
36 \$5,360,000; and

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38 WHEREAS, the construction contracts will be held by MHEC, Inc.; and

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40 WHEREAS, annual debt service related to the bond financing will be included in  
41 the BHD-DHHS operating budget; and

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43 WHEREAS, the County will reimburse MHEC, Inc., for capital construction  
44 expenses; and  
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46           **WHEREAS, the County maintains a self-imposed annual bonding limit as**  
47 **defined in the resolution adopted in File No. 03-263, representing a three percent**  
48 **increase over the prior year's adopted bond base and the proposed fund transfer**  
49 **may cause the County to exceed its self-imposed annual bond limit by**  
50 **\$5,360,000; and**

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52           WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 18, 2021,  
53 recommended adoption of File No. 21-314 as amended (vote 6-0); now, therefore,  
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55           BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of Performance,  
56 Strategy, and Budget, Department of Administrative Services, are authorized and  
57 directed to process an administrative appropriation transfer to create expenditure  
58 authority of \$5,360,000, and revenue budget for general obligation bonds/notes of  
59 \$5,360,000 for newly created Capital Project WE123012-Mental Health Emergency  
60 Center; **and**

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62           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County shall not exceed its self-**  
63 **imposed bonding limit in 2022 pursuant to the policy established in File No. 03-**  
64 **263, and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will reduce other capital**  
65 **expenditures accordingly to accommodate the addition of the capital project in**  
66 **this file.**

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