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From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to pay the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee \$5,521.28 for evaluation and assessment services under a retroactive professional services contract and requesting a waiver of Sections 56.30 (8) and (9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 56.30(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code) requires that a written contract be signed and executed before an outside party performs professional services in an amount greater than \$2,000, while Section 56.30(8) of the Code states that the Comptroller shall deny payment for professional services if the conditions of Chapter 56 of the Code have not been met; and

WHEREAS, since 2017, Milwaukee County has contracted with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) for program evaluation services under one-year contracts as part of a three-year Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant totaling \$2.4 million to expand the Housing Division’s Housing First Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the term of such contracts should reflect the Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 to September 30) cycle, and for the 2019/2020 year, the Housing Division received permission from SAMHSA to carry over unexpended funds allowing services to continue; and

WHEREAS, though UWM continued providing uninterrupted services in October 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) did not fully execute a contract until November 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Professional Service Contract for evaluation and performance assessment services was originally written for a term from November 19, 2019, to September 30, 2020, so Amendment 1 will correct the Contract’s start date to October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, UWM has invoiced DHHS an amount of \$5,521.28 for services rendered prior to the Contract being signed and executed; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 18, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-207 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the provisions of Sections 56.30 (8) and (9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances are waived and the Comptroller is authorized to pay the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for \$5,521.28 for evaluation and assessment services rendered before a contract was signed and executed.

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