

1 (ITEM ) From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, providing an informational  
2 report summarizing Contract Notifications received from October 1, 2015, through  
3 November 15, 2015, pursuant to Section 56.30(8) of the Milwaukee County Code of  
4 General Ordinances, by recommending adoption of the following:

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6 **A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**  
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8 WHEREAS, the Mental Health Board, a group of mental health professionals, is  
9 charged with the governance of the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) of the Department  
10 of Health and Human Services; and

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12 WHEREAS, at its meeting of December 9, 2015, the Committee on Health and  
13 Human Needs reviewed File No. 15-778, which summarizes contract notifications  
14 received by the Comptroller's office from October 1, 2015, through November 15, 2015;  
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17 WHEREAS, contained in the informational report is a contract for services with  
18 Matt Talbot Recovery Services, Inc., to provide community living arrangements for  
19 patients of Milwaukee County's BHD; and

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21 WHEREAS, although the Mental Health Board has authority over BHD contracts,  
22 the Committee on Health and Human Needs accepted public comment to ensure the  
23 community a public forum to voice its concerns; and

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25 WHEREAS, many concerns were raised at the Committee on Health and Human  
26 Needs relating to this contract, including the lack of transparency and misinformation,  
27 which are particularly concerning to the members of the Committee and the public that  
28 attended the meeting; and

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30 WHEREAS, members of the community should have a public forum directly with  
31 the individuals recommending and approving the contract with Matt Talbot Recovery  
32 Services, Inc.; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors urges the Mental  
35 Health Board to hold a public hearing at its meeting on December 17, 2015, or as soon  
36 as practicable, to permit the community to testify regarding the Matt Talbot Recovery  
37 Services, Inc., contract; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive should attend the Mental  
40 Health Board meeting to demonstrate the importance of this issue and directly hear the  
41 public's testimony; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk is requested to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Chairperson of the Mental Health Board, the Director of Milwaukee County's Department of Health and Human Services, and the Administrator of the Division.