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*Milwaukee County*

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DATE: March 11, 2013

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Veto of County Board File No. 12-850 on mental health redesign SMART Goals and summit

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I am vetoing County Board File No. 12-850 pursuant to the authority granted to me by Article IV, Section 23(a) of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 59.17(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The County Board adopted a resolution on February 7, 2013 directing the Director of Health and Human Services and BHD Administrator to hold a summit to provide resources and support for the successful implementation of the Mental Health Task Force's SMART Goals for mental health. It further prescribes the Director to complete an implementation plan for mental health redesign.

I am vetoing this item for the following reasons. First, an implementation plan with SMART Goals has already been created and has been submitted to the Board in the March 2013 cycle.

Second, the purpose of the summit is not clearly stated in the resolution. After collaborating closely with our partners on the redesign taskforce, I do not believe that a summit is an appropriate venue to move toward implementation. DHHS and BHD leaders have already been working collaboratively for months to secure resources and support for implementation of the SMART Goals. A summit will merely distract over-worked staff from coordinating implementation of the SMART Goals.

I urge the County Board uphold this veto.