A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute 2024 contracts for Aging and Disabilities Services, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), serves people across their lifespan with care that promotes the dignity of individuals regardless of race, gender, age, socio-economic status, etc.; and

WHEREAS, these services enable people to live in the community as independently as possible, and avoid expensive institutional placements; and

WHEREAS, one of the services being provided to people with disabilities is inclusive, integrated, and accessible recreational programming at Milwaukee County's Wil-O-Way facilities; and

WHEREAS, this includes a six-week summer day camp for youth ages 7 to 21 at Wil-O-Way, along with year-round center and community-based programming for teens and adults ages, 16 and up; and

WHEREAS, employment is critical to maintaining independence and ADS-DHHS supports individuals aged 14 to 30 with a disability, or who are justice- involved youth, in securing and maintaining employment, as well as improving soft skills and industry-recognized skills needed for employment; and

 WHEREAS, in addition, DHHS has long operated the Interim Disability Assistance Program (IDAP), which provides assistance to individuals with disabilities, while their Supplemental Security Income application is pending with the United States Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Adopted Budget for ADS-DHHS includes sufficient funding for the recommended contract allocations, totaling \$508,057; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning, at its meeting of December 6, 2023, considered File No. 23-983 for informational purposes only, per Section 59.52(31)(d), State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 14, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-983 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to enter into the following contracts for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, as identified below:

		2023	2024	2023/2024
Provider	Service	Allocation	Proposed Allocation	Variance
Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin	Recreational Programming for People with Disabilities	\$266,937	\$266,937	\$0
Broadscope	Employment Initiative	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
Community Advocates, Inc.	Interim Disability Assistance Program	\$91,120	\$91,120	\$0
	Total	\$508,057	\$508,057	\$0

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