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(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute annual contracts with the State Departments of Health Services and Children and Families in the amount of \$15,019,021 for social services and community programs, effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Sections 46.031 and 49.325 of the Wisconsin Statutes require that Milwaukee County (the County) enter into contracts with the State Departments of Health Services and Children and Families for social services and community programs (otherwise referred to as "Community Aids"); and

WHEREAS, the State has provided notification of funding in 2016 for social services and community programs; and

WHEREAS, the actual 2016 "Community Aids" contract for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides a 2016 allocation totaling \$15,019,021; and this amount is \$10,703 below the \$15,029,724 included in the DHHS 2016 Budget (and reflects a 1.0% reduction to Basic County Allocation by the State); and

WHEREAS, it is in the County's best interest to execute contracts in a timely manner to improve cash flow and maximize interest earnings; and

WHEREAS, the County will not receive any State Community Aids revenue until the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Director, DHHS, to execute the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of January 27, 2016, considered this resolution for informational purposes only; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of January 28, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into contracts (and any addendum thereto) with the Wisconsin Departments of Health Services and Children and Families covering social services and community programs, for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.