

A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter a 2026 purchase of service contract with Milwaukee Community Crossroads (formerly Milwaukee Christian Center) for the Credible Messenger Program, by recommending adoption of the following:

### **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, per Section 59.52(31), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to execute a purchase of service contract with a community vendor for 2026; and

WHEREAS, Children, Youth, and Family Services (CYFS), DHHS, utilizes community providers to operate Milwaukee County's (the County) Credible Messenger Program, which provides transformative mentoring for youth, to prevent them from either entering the youth justice system or going deeper into involvement with the system; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Community Crossroads (formerly the Milwaukee Christian Center) is one of the community partners that has been selected to operate this program in 2026 as part of the County's violence prevention efforts with youth; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning, at its meeting of December 4, 2025, considered File No. 25-754 for informational purposes only, per Section 59.52(31)(d), State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 11, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-754 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a Purchase of Service contract with Milwaukee Community Crossroads (formerly the Milwaukee Christian Center) totaling \$350,000, for the period effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for the Credible Messenger Program.