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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Disability Resource Center under the Family Care Program effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, and to accept \$2,074,753 in revenue, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) engaged in a comprehensive initiative to redesign Wisconsin’s Long-Term Support services for the elderly and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the result of that initiative is the Family Care Program; and

WHEREAS, a major purpose of Family Care is to divert persons requiring long-term care from expensive, publicly-funded nursing homes to more appropriate community-based forms of care; and

WHEREAS, one component of Family Care enables counties to serve as a Disability Resource Center (DRC); and

WHEREAS, the DRC of Milwaukee County is responsible for providing the following services: information and assistance, benefits counseling, access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Security Income Exceptional Expense (SSI-E), Medicaid, Food Share, emergency response, adult protective services, transitional services, prevention and early intervention services, long-term care options counseling, and access to the Family Care benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized the Disabilities Services Division (DSD), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to participate as the DRC of Milwaukee County in June 2009; and

WHEREAS, DSD-DHHS is seeking authorization to continue to serve as the DRC of Milwaukee County for the period effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has allocated \$2,074,753 to pay for the services to be provided by the DRC of Milwaukee County during 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of December 10, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department’s request (vote 6-0); and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of
47 December 11, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 8-
48 0); now, therefore,

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50 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director of the Department of Health and Human
51 Services, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the
52 Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Disability Resource Center for
53 the period effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, and to accept
54 \$2,074,753 and any addendum thereto.

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