

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 18, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: An informational report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce

File Type: Information

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**REQUEST**

In March 2022, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 22-308 which authorized the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce to work with DHHS Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) in creating a comprehensive plan to combat the school to prison pipeline in Milwaukee County.

**POLICY**

Milwaukee County Board Resolution	File No. 22-308, 20-137
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**BACKGROUND**

The term “school to prison pipeline” is often used to explain how youth that experience excessive suspensions or expulsions in school become involved in the criminal justice system. In February 2020, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 20-137 creating the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce, a joint task force with the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Public Schools to collaborate and leverage resources to improve the lives of residents in Milwaukee.

File 22-308 directed the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce, in conjunction with CYFS to present a written report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for consideration in the June 2022 meeting cycle that outlines the progress on the development of a comprehensive plan to dismantle the school to prison pipeline and deter children and youth from entering the school to prison pipeline. In addition, the resolution authorized the transfer of \$100,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies to DHHS to allow the department to establish an agreement with ONE Milwaukee Taskforce.

The ONE Milwaukee Taskforce has not yet been formalized and is not operational at this time. Due to this, DHHS has not moved forward with this request. Once the status of ONE Milwaukee Taskforce changes, DHHS will partner on the development of the comprehensive plan and provide updates to the County Board.

### **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

DHHS continues to be committed to meeting the unique needs of youth and their families by leveraging its relationships and resources toward the ongoing development of community-based programming for justice-involved youth and their families through innovative partnerships.

### **FISCAL EFFECT**

This report is informational and there is no fiscal effect.

### **TERMS**

N/A

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director  
Kelly Pethke, CYFS Interim Administrator

### **PREPARED BY:**

Kelly Pethke, CYFS Interim Administrator

### **APPROVED BY:**

*Shakita LaGrant-McClain*  
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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