

County of Milwaukee
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 22, 2011

TO: Sup. Lee Holloway, Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Sup. Peggy Romo West, Chair, Committee on Health and Human Needs

FROM: Stephanie Sue Stein, Director, Department on Aging

RE: Request for authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) enabling the Department on Aging to serve as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County under Family Care, for the period January 1, through December 31, 2012, and to accept \$2,773,222 and such other revenues as DHS may award to operate the Resource Center in 2012

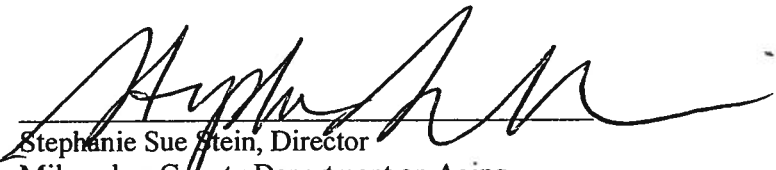
I respectfully request that the attached resolution be scheduled for consideration by the Committee on Health and Human Needs at its meeting on December 7, 2011.

The resolution authorizes the Milwaukee County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) enabling the Department on Aging to serve as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County under the Family Care program for the period January 1, through December 31, 2012, and to accept \$2,773,222 and such other revenues as DHS may award to operate the Resource Center in 2012.

Family Care is Wisconsin's long-term care entitlement program for the elderly and persons with disabilities. The major purpose of Family Care is to divert persons requiring long term care services from expensive publicly funded nursing homes to more appropriate community based forms of care. One essential component of Family Care enables counties to serve as an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). These centers are responsible for providing the following services: information and assistance; benefits counseling; access to SSI, SSI-E, Medicaid, and food stamps; emergency response; elder abuse and adult protective services; transitional services; prevention and early intervention services; long-term care options counseling; and access to the Family Care benefit. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Milwaukee County Department on Aging to participate as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County since 2000.

An award of \$2,773,222 is allocated for Department on Aging to serve as the Aging Resource Center in 2012. The Department is requesting authorization to serve as the Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County, for the period January 1, through December 31, 2012, and to accept the \$2,773,222 award and such other revenue that may be awarded for that purpose.

If you have any questions about this resolution, please contact me at 2-6876.


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