

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: August 8, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Jack Eckblad, Chair, Committee on Audit

From: Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits, Audit Services Division

Subject: From the Director of Audits, an informational report on the status of recommendations contained in the Data Governance Audit Report

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

This report is for informational purposes. There is no request at this time.

POLICY

The Audit Service Division (ASD) conducts performance audits which provide elected officials and County management with an objective, third-party analysis of their operations to help them improve performance, reduce costs, and make informed data-driven decisions. ASD’s performance audit duties are defined in s. 59.255(2)(i), Wis. Stats. and Section 34.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.255(2)(i)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	34.09

BACKGROUND

At its meeting for the September 2023 cycle, the Committee on Audit reviewed our audit report, “Planning is Needed to Fully Implement Data Governance at Milwaukee County,” issued in May 2023. The resolution noting County Board concurrence with the report recommendations was adopted.

Attached is a copy of the Executive Summary page that provides general information about our audit. The full audit report is available on the Comptroller’s website via the following link:

[Data Governance Audit Report](#)

We are facilitating the submission of Information Management Service Division’s (IMSD) status report regarding its progress toward implementation of the six recommendations in our audit report. Based on the comments provided by IMSD management in the attached status report, three of the six recommendations have been implemented and efforts to implement the open recommendations continue.

This status report is informational. Due to the remaining efforts required to fully implement our recommendations, we will facilitate submission of IMSD's next status report for the March 2025 committee meeting cycle.

Related File No's:	23-600, 24-328
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	None
Previous Action Date(s):	File No. 23-600 was adopted September 21, 2023 and signed by the County Executive September 25, 2023.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government

Recommendation 6 in this audit report notes that IMSD should create a plan that fosters inclusion and representation on workgroups and committees it establishes that reflects the demographics, including but not exclusively racial, of Milwaukee County.

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

The remaining report recommendations seek to enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.

FISCAL EFFECT

None

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Executive Summary

Status Report

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