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MILWAUKEE COUNTY

DATE: August 15, 2019

TO: Milwaukee County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb

FROM: Jenny Abel, Director, Extension – Milwaukee County

RE: Presentation to Health and Human Needs Committee on September 11, 2019

Dear Chairman Lipscomb,

Earlier this year, County Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde asked that some program educators from Extension give an informational presentation before the Committee on Health and Human Needs. As such, we are requesting to present on our Health and Well-Being program, as well as our FoodWise nutrition program. The educators presenting are Lilliann Paine and Danielle Nabak.

The Extension Institute of Health & Well-Being (H&WB) works to catalyze positive change in Wisconsin families through evidence-based programs focused on nutrition, food security and safety, chronic disease prevention, mental health promotion, prevention of substance abuse and health insurance literacy. Our Milwaukee-based program is most recently focused on educating underserved communities on where to go for healthcare based on the urgency of the situation. Another critical H&WB project has been to work with the Wisconsin Public Health Association and give a local perspective of Milwaukee County to promote racial equity in healthcare by way of policy change.

Our Milwaukee County Extension FoodWise program helps limited resource families and individuals choose healthful diets, purchase and prepare nutritious food, and become more food secure by spending their food dollars wisely. FoodWise also works to enact policy, systems and environmental change to help make the healthy choice the easy choice. This program is federally funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).

Please approve our request to be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Needs to present at their September 11, 2019 meeting. Thank you.

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