

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute 2022 contracts for the Aging and Disabilities Services Division, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as part of the 2022 Adopted Budget, the Disabilities Services Division (DSD), and Aging Division (Aging) Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), were renamed to the Aging and Disabilities Services Division (ADS), to reflect that services are now being provided under one umbrella to people with disabilities and older adults, ages 18 through the end of their life span; and

WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities were previously supported by Aging, DSD, and Office for Persons with Disabilities, and the primary goal of ADS is to serve people across the lifespan with care that promotes the dignity of individuals, regardless of race, gender, age, socio-economic status, etcetera; and

WHEREAS, one of the services being provided to people with disabilities is recreational programming at Milwaukee County's Wil-O-Way (Wil-O-Way) facilities, and the Office for Persons with Disabilities just recently completed a competitive Request for Proposals for inclusive, integrated, and accessible recreational programming for individuals with disabilities, and awarded a contract to Easterseals of Southeast Wisconsin (Easterseals); and

WHEREAS, Easterseals will work with DHHS in designing and implementing a six-week summer day camp for youth ages 7 to 21 at Wil-O-Way facilities, along with year-round center and community-based programming for teens and adults ages 16 and up; and

WHEREAS, in addition, DHHS has long operated the Interim Disability Assistance Program, which provides assistance to individuals with disabilities while their Supplemental Security Income application is pending with the Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Adopted Budget for ADS includes sufficient funding for the recommended allocations totaling \$358,057; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 9, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-1047 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to enter into the following contracts for the period beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, as identified below:

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Provider	Service	2021 Allocation	2022 Proposed Allocation	2021/2022 Variance
Easterseals of Southeast Wisconsin	Recreational Programming for People with Disabilities	\$266,937	\$266,937	\$0
Community Advocates, Inc.	Interim Disability Assistance Program	\$91,120	\$91,120	\$0
	Total	\$358,057	\$358,057	\$0

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