

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 30, 2021

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

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

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Aging and Disability Resource Center for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and to accept \$5,489,585 in revenue

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

DHHS is seeking approval of its 2022 State Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) contract which reflects a total of \$5,489,585 in revenue. The county cannot receive 2022 revenues from the State until this contract is signed.

POLICY

ADRCs are authorized under Wisconsin Statute §46.283 and subject to the requirements contained in Chapter 10 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code for the State Department of Health Services (DHS). In addition, under Milwaukee County Ordinance 59.52(31), departments must obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	46.283
Wisconsin Administrative Code	DHS Chapter 10
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	59.52(31)

BACKGROUND

An ADRC provides information and assistance, options counseling, service access and prevention, benefits counseling, and Long-Term Care entitlement eligibility and benefits enrollment. The resource center connects individuals to community services so that they can live independently in the community. The Elder and Disability Benefits Specialists within the ADRC assist individuals in gaining access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social

Security Disability, Medicaid, and/or FoodShare.

The 2022 DHHS Budget combined the Aging Resource Center (ARC) and Disability Resource Center (DRC) into one Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). Previously, the ARC and DRC operated as separate units. Throughout 2021, staff from the ARC and DRC worked jointly to develop a plan for a combined ADRC to serve both individuals with disabilities, ages 18 to 59, and older adults. The formal application to combine the ARC and DRC into an ADRC was approved for submittal by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in June 2021 (File 21-501) and submitted on September 30, 2021 to State DHS. On December 8, 2021, DHHS was notified that DHS had approved the department's application.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This request aligns with the goal of enhancing the County's fiscal health and sustainability. The revenue contained in the ADRC is a significant source of funding which supports long-term care services to help customers live safely and successfully in the community and prevents admission into nursing homes or other institutional settings. This funding in combination with county tax levy which leverages additional federal Medicaid revenue is a key component to the fiscal sustainability of the ADRC.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to execute the 2022 Aging and Disability Resource Center contract with the State Department of Health Services, and any addenda to the contract.

FISCAL EFFECT

The 2022 ADRC contract totals \$5,489,585 and reflects an increase of \$189,093 compared to the 2021 ARC and DRC contract amounts. A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

The contract is effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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None

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