

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, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1999, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Health Services (DHS) engaged in a comprehensive initiative to redesign Wisconsin's long-term support services for older adults and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the result of that initiative is the Family Care Program (Family Care); and

WHEREAS, a major purpose of Family Care is to divert persons requiring long-term care from expensive, publicly-funded nursing homes to more appropriate community-based forms of care; and

WHEREAS, one component of Family Care enables counties to serve as an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), to support both individuals with disabilities, ages 18 to 59, and older adults; and

WHEREAS, an ADRC is responsible for providing the following services: information and assistance, benefits counseling, access to Supplemental Security Income, Supplemental Security Income Exceptional Expense, Medicaid, and Food Share, emergency response, adult protective services, transitional services, prevention and early intervention services, long-term care options counseling, and access to the Family Care benefit; and

WHEREAS, after previously operating as separate units for many years, the Aging Resource Center (ARC) and Disability Resource Center (DRC) were combined into one ADRC in the 2022 Adopted DHHS Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved the formal State application to combine the ARC and DRC into one ADRC in June 2021 (Adopted File No. 21-501), and DHHS was notified on December 8, 2021, that its application had been approved; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 27, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-125 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or
46 her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the State of Wisconsin
47 Department of Health Services to operate the Milwaukee County Aging and Disability
48 Resource Center for the period beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31,
49 2022, and to accept funding of \$5,489,585, and any addendum thereto.

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