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A 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 of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and to accept \$7,088,650 in revenue, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in 1999, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Health Services engaged in a comprehensive initiative to redesign the State’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, 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, as part of the 2023-2025 State Budget, the State Legislature approved a permanent increase of \$7.5 million in Statewide funding for ADRCs over the biennium, and this increase, along with an updated allocation formula that considers health equity factors such as percentage of poverty, have resulted in an additional \$1,599,065 to Milwaukee County’s 2024 ADRC contract, after many years of under-funding; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning, at its meeting of January 17, 2024, considered File No. 24-106 for informational purposes only, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 25, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-106 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or  
48 her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the State of Wisconsin  
49 Department of Health Services, to operate the Milwaukee County Aging and Disability  
50 Resource Center, for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and to  
51 accept funding of \$7,088,650, and any addendum thereto.

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