Milwaukee County INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date: September 7, 2011

To: Supervisor Lee Holloway, Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Peggy Romo West, Chair, Committee on Health and Human Needs

Supervisor Johnny Thomas, Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit

From: Maria Ledger, Director, Department of Family Care

Re: From the Director, Department of Family Care (DFC), requesting authorization to pursue negotiations with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for a contract to provide the Family Care benefit to residents of Racine and

Kenosha Counties.

I respectfully request that the Committee on Health and Human Needs schedule the attached resolution for consideration during its meeting on September 21st, 2011 and by Committee on Finance and Audit meeting being held on September 22nd, 2011.

The resolution authorizes the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care to pursue negotiations with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for a contract to provide the Family Care benefit to residents of Racine and Kenosha Counties.

Milwaukee County was one of five pilot counties authorized to provide the Family Care benefit to eligible residents of Milwaukee County and has done so since July 2000.

The Family Care benefit has also been available to eligible and enrolled residents of Racine and Kenosha Counties through Community Care, Inc. (CCI) since 2007.

In June of this year, the State of Wisconsin issued a Request for Proposals (RFP 1720 DLTC-JB) to provide the Family Care benefit in Racine and Kenosha Counties and DFC submitted a timely response to this RFP.

Following review of the response to the RFP submitted by DFC, DHS on September 2, 2011 issued a Letter of Intent to pursue contract negotiations with DFC as well as CCI and iCare Independent Care Health Plan for Long-Term Managed Care in Racine and Kenosha Counties.

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care shall exercise due diligence on behalf of Milwaukee County during the process of contract negotiations and final authority to enter into this contract shall require further action by this Board.

Any subsequent action shall be contingent upon continued funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for administration and delivery of the family

care benefit by the Department of Family Care and County Board authorization for continued participation by the Department of Family Care as a Managed Care Organization (MCO) during the term of this agreement and renewal, if any, for any additional years.

If you have any questions about this resolution, please call me at 287-7610.

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