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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into 2014 Professional Services Contracts for the Behavioral Health Division, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to execute two Professional Services Contracts for 2014; and

WHEREAS, approval of the recommended contract allocations will allow for the ongoing support of functions that are critical to patient care and are necessary to maintaining hospital, nursing home, and crisis services licensure; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue with the Joint Commission accreditation process, DHHS is seeking an extension of the current contract with Critical Management Solutions to provide consultation assistance to the Behavioral Health Division (BHD); and

WHEREAS, BHD continues to experience difficulty in filling inpatient positions as a result of the continued national psychiatrist shortage, which is creating strong competition in the Milwaukee area; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the ongoing care and treatment needs of clients residing in BHD's Rehabilitation Center Central and Hilltop Units, DHHS is recommending to contract for necessary psychiatrist services until the completion of the scheduled unit closures in 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the amounts recommended in these contracts have been included in BHD's 2014 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of January 29, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of January 30, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 9-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or his/her designee, is authorized to execute 2014 Professional Services Contracts with the following providers for the time period and amounts detailed below:

43	Agency and Service	Term	Contract Amount
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45	Critical Management Solutions	1 year extension	\$50,000 annually
46	(Joint Commission/Pharmacy	(through 12/31/14)	
47	Consulting Services)		
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49	Robert Clark, M.D.	10 months	\$265,000 annually
50	(Psychiatrist Services)	(03/01/14-12/31/14)	
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52	TOTAL - 2014 Professional Services		\$315,000

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