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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization for the Housing Division to execute a 2015 Purchase of Service Contract with Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc., in an amount up to \$390,385 to administer the Milwaukee County Safe Haven Program for homeless adults for the period retroactive to October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 46.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to enter into a 2015 Purchase of Service Contract with Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County's Safe Haven Program, in operation since 1996, assists people who are disabled, have a lengthy history of living on the streets and/or cannot adjust to shelters by offering a soft entry into housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, each year, Safe Havens serve approximately 70-80 difficult-to-serve individuals by providing security and support, and allowing for a process of engagement so that guests may eventually accept case management and mainstream services and move onto permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County collaborates with the entire Continuum of Care (CoC) and directly partners with a number of agencies in order to do outreach and serve 23 individuals at a time in six scattered site shared housing units (three duplex sites) and seven clustered apartments at one site; and

WHEREAS, each of these four sites is overseen 24 hours a day by formerly homeless individuals with a disability who have successfully completed extensive recovery and educational programs and have graduated from the Guest House Resident Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the contract recommendation is within the limits of the 2015 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of March 18, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 6-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of March 19, 2015, also recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
47 authorizes the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or his/her
48 designee, to enter into a 2015 Purchase of Service Contract for up to \$390,385 and
49 retroactive to the start of the federal fiscal year (October 1, 2014 through September 30,
50 2015) with Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc. to administer the Milwaukee County Safe
51 Haven Program for homeless adults.

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