(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute 2016 Professional Services contracts with various community organizations in the total amount of \$686,208 for juvenile detentions medical and psychiatric nursing services, management consulting services, and continuum of care administration in the Management Services Division, Delinquency and Court Services Division, and Housing Division for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 56.30 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code), the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to enter into Professional Services contracts with community organizations for juvenile detention medical and psychiatric nursing services, management consulting services, and continuum of care administration in the amount of \$686,208 for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, under State and Federal guidelines, Milwaukee County (the County) is required to monitor State and federally funded agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County would face a significant loss of State and Federal revenue if it failed to adequately monitor State and federally funded programs; and

WHEREAS, in order monitor these programs effectively, it was determined that it was necessary for DHHS to secure the experience and expertise of a professional consulting firm to provide specialized accounting and fiscal management services necessary to provide contract monitoring and fiscal management services of provider agencies; and

WHEREAS, part of this effort involves consulting and accounting services to enhance Children's Long-Term Support Medicaid Waiver fiscal management in order to maximize children's services, and the Disabilities Services Division's (DSD) ability to expend State and Federal revenue; and

WHEREAS, the contract services are necessary to maintain the current prior authorization procedures used by DSD; and

WHEREAS, Quick Financial Solutions, LLC, is a certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the County's Request for Proposals (RFP) process, Quick Financial Solutions, LLC, is being recommended for a contract to provide its services during 2016; and

WHEREAS, the second contract that DHHS seeks approval to implement reflects funding for consulting and workforce engagement services to maximize the Department's ability to reach and serve residents; and

WHEREAS, DHHS embarked in a strategic planning process to improve operations, strengthen the workplace environment, enhance employee recruitment and retention, and increase workforce engagement and communications in 2015; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement workforce engagement areas of the strategic plan recommendations effectively, and to develop operational efficiencies to support programming, it was determined that DHHS needed to secure a professional consulting firm with experience and expertise in the areas of workforce engagement, program development, and management consulting; and

WHEREAS, a Professional Services contract is necessary to develop this function, and a sustainable, ongoing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Kane Communications Group has substantial experience in communications, strategic planning, and workforce engagement consulting; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Code, Kane Communications Group is being recommended to provide its services during 2016; and

WHEREAS, this contract supports continuation of work initiated in 2015 and, therefore an RFP was not issued; and

WHEREAS, the third and fourth contracts for which DHHS seeks approval reflect the Delinquency and Courts Services Division's (DCSD) need to secure detention physician and medical services, and detention psychiatric nursing services for youth residing in the County Juvenile Detention facility; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the DCSD has entered into a series of Professional Services contracts to support essential staff activities and functions; and

WHEREAS, the DCSD is responsible for the care and safety of youth placed in the County Juvenile Detention facility; and

WHEREAS, Alternatives in Psychological Consultation successfully submitted an application to obtain Small Business Enterprise certification, and in 2014 achieved certification; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the County's RFP process, the providers, Medical College of Wisconsin, and Alternatives in Psychological Consultation, are being recommended to provide their respective services during 2016; and

WHEREAS, the fifth contract for which DHHS requests approval reflects the County's continued contribution to the City of Milwaukee as part of the Milwaukee Continuum of Care administration; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has required each community to come together and submit a single comprehensive continuum of care application rather than applications from individual providers in an effort to stimulate community-wide planning and coordination of programs for individuals and families who are homeless; and

WHEREAS, this contract assists in the funding of staff as well as the production of the annual HUD application for homeless funds throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, there is no budgetary impact associated with this request, as funding for these contracts is included in the 2016 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of December 9, 2015, considered this item for informational purposes only; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of December 10, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into Professional Services contracts in the amount of \$686,208 with the following organizations for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, in the amounts and terms enumerated as follows:

Provider	Service	2016 Allocation
Quick Financial Solutions LLC	Fiscal Management Services	\$176,904
Kane Communications Group	Workforce Engagement and Program Development	\$140,000
The Medical College of Wisconsin	Detention Physician and Medical Services	\$153,844
Alternatives in Psychological Consultation	Detention Psychiatric Nursing Services	\$165,460
City of Milwaukee	Continuum of Care Administration	\$ 50,000

 TOTAL 2016 Professional Services contracts for the Management Services Division, Delinquency and Court Services Division, and Housing Division: \$686,208

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