File No. 19-454

 From the Director, Department of Administrative Services, requesting approval of the "Correctional Health Care Department as Responsible Health Authority" model, for assignment of the Responsible Health Authority designation required for National Commission on Correctional Health Care accreditation of Milwaukee County's correctional health services, when self-operated, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, throughout the months of March and April 2019, the Correctional Health Care Self-Operation (CHCSO) Project Team has continued to work diligently on the analysis and development of the new Correctional Health Care Department (CHCD) and related operations; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, April 8, 2019, the second monthly meeting (strategic guidance) was held, the CHCSO Project Team discussed the item contained in the CHCSO Project Update Report (The Report) and a question was treated which requires action by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board); and

WHEREAS, the CHCSO Project Team discussed several potential models for the assignment of the Responsible Health Authority (RHA) designation required under The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) Standard J-A-02; and

WHEREAS, the RHA Standard and the information related to the discussion, which occurred on April 8, 2019, including the pros and cons of each model, are available on pages 2 through 5 of The Report (attached); and

WHEREAS, following robust discussion, the Strategic Team selected a model for assignment of the RHA designation, and provided an action report requesting the Board's active support of the selected assignment model; and

WHEREAS, the model the Project Team selected is CHCD as RHA; and

WHEREAS, if the new CHCD is assigned as RHA, the "designated individual" under the NCCHC Standard who will ensure policies are carried out would be the Director of the CHCD; and

WHEREAS, the responsible physician, mental health professional, and dentist would fill clinical roles required by the Standard, if the Director is not a clinician; and

WHEREAS, any model of RHA assignment will provide accountability to the County Board and a method to ensure Board policies pertaining to the correctional health services' mission will be appropriately carried out, and any model will also follow all Wisconsin State Statutes and Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances pertaining to the approval of annual budgets and contracts, which require the review and approval of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its meeting of May 9, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-454 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Correctional Health Care Department as Responsible Health Authority model for assignment of the Responsible Health Authority designation that is required for National Commission on Correctional Health Care accreditation of Milwaukee County's correctional healthcare services, when self-operated.

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