County of Milwaukee Interoffice Communication

DATE: November 9, 2019

TO: Sup. Theodore Lipscomb, Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jon Janowski, Director of Administration, Department on Aging

RE: Request for authorization to execute a 2020 program and service contract with Legal

Action of Wisconsin to provide legal benefit services for older adults

I respectfully request that this report and the attached resolution, fiscal note, and draft contract be scheduled for consideration by the Committee on Finance and Audit at its regularly scheduled meeting in December 2019.

Legal benefit services provided through the Milwaukee County Department on Aging (Aging) are funded through federal (Older Americans Act, Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, State Health Insurance and Assistance Program) and state (Benefit Specialist, Office of the Commissioner on Insurance) funding streams. Through Legal Action of Wisconsin, older adults are connected to legal and advocacy services and benefits counseling on a wide variety of public assistance programs such as Medicare, FoodShare, SeniorCare, and many other programs.

The Department on Aging has had a longstanding contractual relationship with Legal Action of Wisconsin. The 2020 award recommendation of \$405,088 is based upon satisfactory performance by the vendor during 2019 as well as sufficient funds being included in the 2020 Adopted Budget.

The Milwaukee County Commission on Aging approved this award recommendation at their meeting on November 8, 2019.

If you have questions, please contact me at 289-6073.

Jon Janowski, Director of Administration

Milwaukee County Department on Aging

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