File No. 19-890

Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to operate the Disability Resource Center for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and to accept \$2,074,753 in revenue, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Health Services (DHS) engaged in a comprehensive initiative to redesign the State's long-term support services for the elderly and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the result of that initiative is the Family Care Program; and

WHEREAS, a major purpose of Family Care is to divert persons requiring longterm care from expensive, publicly-funded nursing homes to more appropriate community-based forms of care; and

WHEREAS, one component of Family Care enables counties to serve as a Disability Resource Center (DRC); and

 WHEREAS, the DRC of Milwaukee County (the County) is responsible for providing the following services: information and assistance, benefits counseling, access to Supplemental Security Income, Supplemental Security Income Exceptional Expense, Medicaid, and Food Share, emergency response, adult protective services, transitional services, prevention and early intervention services, long-term care options counseling, and access to the Family Care benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized the Disabilities Services Division (DSD), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to participate as the DRC of the County in June 2009; and

WHEREAS, DSD-DHHS is seeking authorization to continue to serve as the DRC of the County for the period effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State has allocated \$2,074,753 to pay for the services to be provided by the DRC of the County during 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of December 11, 2019, considered File No. 19-890 for informational purposes only; and

 45 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of 46 December 12, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-890 (vote 6-0); now, 47 therefore, 48 49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the State of Wisconsin 50 51 Department of Health Services to operate the Disability Resource Center for the period 52 effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, and to accept funding of \$2,074,753, and any addendum thereto. 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 srb 12/12/19 S:\Committees\2019\Dec\F&A 121219\Resolutions\19-890 DHHS - WI Dept of Health Services - Disability Resource