

Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend 2020 Disabilities Services Division purchase of service contracts with Birth to 3 agencies, by recommending adoption of the following:

### **A REVISED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Disabilities Services Division (DSD), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), administers the Birth to Three Program/Early Intervention services in Milwaukee County to infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, services under this Federal entitlement are provided by contracted community-based agencies that have significant expertise in this area; and

WHEREAS, the Birth to Three Program reflects a total 2020 budget of about \$5.4 million and is supported by a variety of revenue sources: tax levy, Potawatomi, Basic County Allocation, as well as State of Wisconsin (the State) funding; and

WHEREAS, Birth to Three provider agencies generally incur costs that exceed their contract amounts due to the increased demand for services and are not fully reimbursed due to budget limitations; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal funding has remained stagnant for the last several years, yet the cost to operate the Birth to Three Program continues to increase and counties across the State successfully advocated for additional funding, which was included in the State's 2019-2021 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health Services has allocated this one-time annual funding increase of \$1,125,000 based on a recommendation from the Wisconsin County Human Services Association; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 DHHS contract with the State for Social Services and Community Programs is being amended to reflect a total increase of \$362,509; and

WHEREAS, amendments totaling \$362,509 to Birth to Three provider contracts would provide needed financial resources to partner agencies and further assist them in meeting State/Federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 18, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-231 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Service, or her designee, to execute amendments to 2020 Purchase of Service Contracts with the following Birth to Three providers in the following amounts:

Agency	2020 Contract	2020 Recommended Amendment	Adjusted 2020 Contract
Curative	\$2,079,218	\$166,754	\$2,245,972
Milwaukee Center for Independence	\$517,241	\$39,876	\$557,117
Penfield Children's Center	\$1,382,394	\$112,378	\$1,494,772
St. Francis Children's Center	\$546,253	\$43,501	\$589,754
Total	\$4,525,106	\$362,509	\$4,887,615

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