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From the County Executive requesting that the House of Correction remains under the County Executive’s Administration and creating a taskforce to make recommendations for enhancing evidence-based programming to reduce recidivism, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) declared racism as a public health crisis in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County’s vision is to become the healthiest county in Wisconsin by achieving racial equity; and

WHEREAS, a significant part of achieving this vision includes investment in public health and social determinants of health, including criminal justice reform; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the House of Correction (HOC) is to maintain and ensure a safe and secure environment that consists of correctional programs to rehabilitate and re-introduce our citizens back into the community; and

WHEREAS, the HOC, through its in-house workforce development and re-entry programming, as well as wraparound services, can have a significant impact on reducing recidivism, and ultimately reducing the incarcerated population; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1A014 was approved, and became part of the 2020 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment directed the Department of Administrative Services, Office of the Comptroller, Office of the Sheriff, the HOC, and the Department of Human Resources, to develop a plan to consolidate the operation of the HOC under the authority of the Office of the Sheriff, effective by 2021; and

WHEREAS, the study of this consolidation, including analysis of opportunities to more efficiently deploy staff and administrative resources across the two departments was to be provided to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the June 2020 meeting cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Policy Forum (WPF) was enlisted to perform the analysis, and write the final report based on their research and communication with the aforementioned departments; and

44 WHEREAS, the research and analysis from WPF made it clear that there was no  
45 “right” or “wrong” way to administer correctional facilities like the County’s; and  
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47 WHEREAS, the report from WPF also assists the County in pinpointing  
48 operations at the County’s correctional facilities that may need improvement, as well as  
49 those that would be the most greatly affected by a shift in administration; and  
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51 WHEREAS, this report provides the County with a path to move forward, and  
52 improve corrections operations without changes to the current administrative structure;  
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55 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its  
56 meeting of July 9, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-455 as amended  
57 (vote 5-0); and  
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59 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 16, 2020,  
60 CONCURRED with the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and  
61 General Services (vote 4-3); now, therefore,  
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63 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
64 **hereby and authorizes supports** the County Executive’s **Office Administration to,**  
65 **working** together with the Office of the Sheriff, and the House of Correction (HOC) to  
66 **implement address** the **recommendations issues presented** in the Wisconsin Policy  
67 Forum’s report to improve correction’s operations in Milwaukee County; and  
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the administrative authority for the HOC will  
70 remain under the Superintendent, appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by  
71 the County Board; ~~and.~~  
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73 ~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and the County Board~~  
74 ~~Chairwoman will convene a taskforce that will examine and recommend evidence-~~  
75 ~~based practices and system changes that the HOC should adopt to move it closer~~  
76 ~~to a human services agency that is working toward racial equity, while~~  
77 ~~maintaining a secure facility; and~~  
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79 ~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the taskforce should be comprised of~~  
80 ~~traditional system partners through the Community Justice Council and non-~~  
81 ~~traditional community and human services partners; and~~  
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83 ~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the taskforce should make recommendations~~  
84 ~~to the County Executive and the County Board by September 2020, so they could~~  
85 ~~be included in the 2021 Budget.~~  
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