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3 Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting
4 authorization to enter into 2020 purchase of service contracts with community providers
5 for a Credible Messenger pilot within the Division of Youth and Family Services, by
6 recommending adoption of the following:
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8 **A RESOLUTION**
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10 WHEREAS, since 2015, the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) has
11 collaborated with system stakeholders to decrease the number of youth who are court
12 ordered to the Department of Corrections (DOC), Division of Juvenile Corrections
13 (DJC), and has been developing a plan to address the crisis at Lincoln Hills and Copper
14 Lake Schools, and transition young people from these facilities back to their
15 communities and closer to their families and support systems; and
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17 WHEREAS, due to the steady decrease in the youth population at Lincoln Hills
18 and Copper Lake, DYFS is anticipating a significant surplus for 2020; and
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20 WHEREAS, DYFS is requesting to reinvest a portion of this funding in
21 community-based programming to advance the continuum of care for youth in their
22 homes, and communities, and the provision of individualized and high-quality services;
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25 WHEREAS, as part of this community-based programming, DYFS is proposing to
26 implement a Credible Messenger pilot with five agencies for a total cost of \$1,170,500,
27 to provide transformative mentoring intervention for those youth who are involved in the
28 youth justice system by utilizing individuals who live in the same communities as the
29 youth, and who themselves may have been involved in the youth and/or adult justice
30 systems; and
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32 WHEREAS, there is no budgetary impact associated with this request, the cost
33 for these contracts will be offset by a portion of the \$3.6 million surplus anticipated in
34 DOC charges in 2020, for youth placed at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
37 October 28, 2020, considered File No. 20-742 for informational purposes only; and
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39 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of October 30, 2020,
40 recommended adoption of File No. 20-742 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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42 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services
43 (DHHS), or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into new Purchase of Service
44 Contracts in the amount of \$970,500 with the following organizations for the period
45 beginning November 5, 2020, through October 31, 2021, in not-to-exceed amounts
46 enumerated as follows:

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Provider	2020 Contract
City of Milwaukee, 414Life	\$300,500
Youth Advocates Program	\$350,000
WestCare	\$210,000
Milwaukee Christian Center	\$110,000
Subtotal	\$970,500

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, DHHS, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing Purchase of Service Contract in a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000, for the period beginning November 5, 2020, through October 31, 2021, as follows:

Provider	2020 Initial Contract	2020 Amendment	2020 Adjusted Contract
Running Rebels Community Organization	\$99,000	\$200,000	\$299,000
Subtotal	\$99,000	\$200,000	\$299,000

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