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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a State/County contract for Community Youth and Family Aids in the amount of $41,715,418 for 2021, by recommending adoption of the following:

# A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 301.031 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires counties to execute an annual contract with the State Department of Children and Families (DCF) for the “Community Youth and Family Aids Program,” and departments must obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts in excess of $300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to enter into a 2021 contract with DCF for the provision of youth justice services mandated by State law, and the County cannot receive 2021 revenue from the State until this contract is signed; and

WHEREAS, the State will provide Milwaukee County with $41,715,418 of Youth Aids and Children and Families Allocation (CFA) funding which is $457,561 lower than the 2021 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Aids allocation is determined by a State formula which is partly weighted on the number of placements to Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools as well as the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center; and

WHEREAS, the number of placements of Milwaukee County youth declined by 58 percent to 54 percent as a proportion of the statewide total over the last three years, which contributes to a reduction in Youth Aids of $536,684 when comparing the 2021 State contract to the 2020 State contract;

WHEREAS, as the average daily population (ADP) continues to decline, Milwaukee County’s share of Youth Aids revenue will commensurately decrease due to a formula that is corrections-based and does not weight the investment of community-based alternatives; for this reason, long-term fiscal sustainability of youth justice reform necessitates development of new funding models;

WHEREAS, DHHS will continue to monitor this fiscal issue and update policymakers on the ADP as part of its regular monthly reports on the Department of Corrections placements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract reflecting total revenue of $41,715,418 with the State Department of Children and Families covering Community Youth and Family Aids for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2021, and any addendum thereto.