COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: February 19, 2021
TO: Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
SUBJECT: From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting an extension of the Temporary Assignment to a Higher Classification (TAHC) for the Executive Director - Aging

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The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting approval of an extension of the Temporary Assignment to a Higher Classification (TAHC) for no more than six months until August 17, 2021 for the Executive Director – Aging within the Aging Division.

TAHCs are authorized pursuant to Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances 17.085, and TAHCs that extend beyond 180 days require approval by the Milwaukee County Board.

Background

Mr. Jon Janowski has been temporarily serving in the Executive Director – Aging position since last year. In the 2021 Budget, this position was replaced by a full-time Aging Administrator position to lead the new Aging Division. DHHS is seeking an extension to the current TAHC to provide additional time for planning the proposed merger of the Aging Resource and Disability Resource Centers scheduled to occur in 2022.

In the role of the Executive Director, Mr. Janowski continues to be designated as the Aging Unit Director in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 46.82(5).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the extension of the existing Temporary Assignment to a Higher Classification (TAHC) for the Administrator – Disability Services currently filled by Mr. Jon Janowski for no more than six months until August 17, 2021.

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Fiscal Impact

The Aging Administrator position is funded in the 2021 Adopted Budget and is currently vacant. This position offsets the cost of the Executive Director – Aging position. A fiscal note form is attached.

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cc: County Executive David Crowley Sup. Supervisor Eddie Cullen, Chair, Personnel Committee Mary Jo Meyers, County Executive's Office Sherri Jordan, Interim DAS Director Kelly Bablitch, County Board Steve Cady, Research and Policy Director – Comptroller's Office