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(ITEM) Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, seeking approval to process an administrative appropriation fund transfer to increase expenditure authority and revenue budget and establish a capital project for the Mental Health Emergency Center.

# A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, For the past decade, the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division (BHD) has been engaged in a long-term transition to a more community-based continuum of care for residents needing mental health and substance use treatment and services.

WHEREAS, A psychiatric emergency department provides tremendous value to the community. To continue to meet this need, Milwaukee County has partnered with four private health systems to create a new Mental Health Emergency Center.

WHEREAS, through a unique public-private partnership, area private health systems have agreed to subsidize 50 percent of the operational deficit of the Mental Health Emergency Center.

WHEREAS, the construction costs of the MHEC facility will be shared between Milwaukee County and health system partners with an expected total cost of $12.2 million. Milwaukee County is receiving a $640,000 credit for land value of the proposed site at 12th and Walnut on the northern end of the existing parking lot that serves the Marcia P. Coggs Center. The health system partners have agreed to fund $200,000 in accelerated construction costs.

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s share of the construction costs of the Mental Health Emergency Center facility is $5,360,000.

WHEREAS, the construction contracts will be held by Mental Health Emergency Center, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, annual debt service related to the bond financing will be included in the Behavioral Health Division operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the County will reimburse Mental Health Emergency Center, Inc. for capital construction expenses; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller and the DAS-PSB are authorized and directed to process an administrative appropriation transfer to create expenditure authority of $5,360,000 and revenue budget for general obligation bonds/notes of $5,360,000 for newly created Project WE123012 Mental Health Emergency Center.