

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, seeking authorization to submit an application to the State Department of Health Services for the establishment of a combined Milwaukee County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been implementing a “No Wrong Door” customer service approach meaning that anyone, regardless of age, disability, race, gender, or socio-economic status can and will be served no matter a person’s entry point into the system; and

WHEREAS, a fully integrated human service model not only aligns Milwaukee County (the County) with the rest of the State of Wisconsin (the State) and country in terms of how people are served across the lifespan, it also provides greater access to a wider array of services for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Adopted Budget included the integration of the Department on Aging as a division within DHHS to advance this effort and the scope of the integration also envisioned combining the Aging Resource Center (ARC) and Disability Resource Center (DRC) into one Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) as part of the 2022 Budget; and

WHEREAS, for the last several months, the Division on Aging and the Disabilities Services Division, DHHS, have been jointly developing a plan for a combined ADRC for County residents aged 18 and older; and

WHEREAS, the ARC and DRC currently operate independently within DHHS with the ARC serving those aged 60 and over, and the DRC serving people aged 18 to 59; and

WHEREAS, the DHHS is seeking authorization to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for certification as an ADRC to serve both older adults and individuals with disabilities ages 18 to 59; and

WHEREAS, the completed application is due to DHS by September 30, 2021, and the combined ADRC would be effective starting January 1, 2022, after being reviewed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) as part of the 2022 Budget process; and

WHEREAS, as part of the State application, the DHS is requesting that the County Board adopt a resolution authorizing the ADRC application; and

47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic
48 Planning, at its meeting of June 16, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-501
49 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,
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51 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
52 authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to
53 prepare an application for submission to the State of Wisconsin Department of Health
54 Services for certification of the Milwaukee County Aging and Disability Resource
55 Center.
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